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Flying high

This year's record-setting BYU gymnastics team pits itself against No. 5 Utah this weekend in Salt Lake City.

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LIFESTYLES

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— *Associated Press*

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— *Peter McKellar*

WORLD

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…CANAVERAL, Fla. — …rew of the international …tion headed for home …pace shuttle Discovery …y after 4 1/2 months …lding and fixing the …utpost.

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… of the poor forecast for …dnesday, NASA consid-…rting Discovery to the …anding site in Califor-…ave Desert or keeping … aloft an extra day.

…pherd said he and his …an crewmates did not …prospect of a little more …bit, after already log-…days.

… one more day or even …more days in space to … is not going to be a big …," the astronaut said.

— *Associated Press*

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Fed announces third interest-rate cut

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> "The possibility of a recession will become real to students in April when they begin looking for a job."
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> — Larry Wimmer, BYU professor

Good news awaits students contemplating taking out a loan or mortgaging a house: the Federal Reserve Board just announced this year's third drop in federal interest rates.

After lowering rates twice in January, the Federal Open Market Committee met again Tuesday and agreed on a 0.5 percent rate drop, bringing the federal funds rate down from 5.5 percent to 5 percent.

"People who are just getting out of college and are looking toward buying a house will be slightly better off than they were before this drop," said Robert Crawford, an associate professor of managerial economics at BYU.

Although the Fed's announcement may be welcome news to some, others fear it may have come too late in the wake of declining stock prices and a nationwide fear of economic recession.

"For several months, economic indicators have pointed toward a slowdown, and now many Americans are beginning to feel its impact in (their) lives," President George W. Bush said in a national radio address Saturday. "The stock market is causing worries; high energy prices are straining family budgets … We have been hearing too much troubling economic news."

Even BYU students may soon begin to feel the effects of the economic slowdown, said Larry Wimmer, a BYU professor of economics.

"The possibility of a recession will become real to students in April when they begin looking for a job," he said.

Despite the current economic slump, Wimmer said the Fed's cut in interest rates will likely help to increase consumers' feelings of security.

"The fact that this is the third cut this year shows that the Federal Reserve is taking the current slow-down seriously," he said. "Greenspan is highly respected and the fact that this is his third cut will help improve consumer confidence."

This drop, Wimmer said, will also affect Utah's economy because it is so closely linked to that of the nation.

"If the national economy slides into a recession, then Utah will follow," he said. "But if Greenspan's actions can prevent that, it will help Utah."

According to Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chair, the nation's economic decline is due in large part to a slow in consumer spending and a decrease in consumer confidence after years of buying frenzy.

"The surge in spending had lifted the growth of the stocks of

rates ▶ *page 13*

AFP Photo

Alan Greenspan testifies before the US House Budget Committee on March 2. Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is primarily responsible for the interest-rate cuts.

Microcredit strives to help the poor

Morgan Van Wagoner/Daily Universe

Mohammed Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank, speaks at the first session of the Marriott School's Microcredit Conference. Microcredit is dedicated to helping the poor with small loans.

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> "If anyone says the poor are not creditworthy I will scream; I will shout; I will tell the world this is a lie because I have seen it"
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> — Mohammed Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank

Mohammed Yunus sacrificed breakfast with former president George Bush to speak to BYU students on Tuesday.

Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank, spoke at the first session of the Marriott School's Microcredit Conference.

The Grameen Bank, commonly known as microcredit, lends money to impoverished people throughout the world without giving charity or pity, said Yunus.

He said we live in a world based on money.

"If you don't have money you don't exist. If you want a dollar, you need a dollar," Yunus said.

Yunus traveled to Bangladesh in the early 19[illegible] to help reconstruct the country after a civil war. While teaching economics at Chittagong University, he saw people dying from famine.

He said he felt useless because the theories he taught in the classroom could not be applied to help the suffering people.

He went into the village to see if he could help even just one person.

"If I could do that, I could feel that I was fulfilled for a day," he said.

Yunus said he saw how the people suffered because they did not have access to even small amounts of money.

He began by making small loans to around 42 people, totaling at 27 dollars.

"If you can make so many people happy with such a small amount of money, why aren't we doing it more?" he said.

In an effort to help more people, Yunus asked the banks to help. Unfortunately, Yunus said the banks claimed the poor were not creditworthy.

"If anyone says the poor are not creditworthy I will scream; I will shout; I will tell the world this is a lie because I have seen it," he said.

Yunus finally persuaded a bank to loan him money that he could lend to the poor. After the microcredit projects proved successful, Yunus said he wanted to expand, so he created his own bank, the Grameen Bank.

Today it has more than 2.4 million borrowers throughout the world. Yunus has adopted the policy that the bank exists to serve the poor.

"People should not come to the bank, the bank should go to the people," he said.

Rock Magleby, 23, a senior from American Fork, Utah County, majoring in economics, is involved in microcredit at BYU.

Magleby said a group of students met Yunus at a poverty alleviation conference at the University of Michigan. He said they created the microcredit program at BYU in 1997.

He said it has helped BYU reach out to the world.

"Microcredit activity on campus is an excellent representation to show the role BYU can take and should take and does take with regards to humanitarian development and services throughout the world," he said.

Donald Adolphson, professor in the Romney Institution of Public Management, is the chair of the Microcredit Conference.

Flag display promotes Olympic spirit

Irinna Schwenke/Daily Universe

Councilman Paul Warner, Mayor Lewis Billings and Councilman Mark Hathaway display flags of countries to which they feel an special connection. Flags of different nations will be hung at Seven Peaks Ice Arena in preparation for the Olympics.

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Flags from across the world were on display at Seven Peaks Ice Arena in anticipation of a new Olympic program announced by Provo Mayor Lewis Billings Tuesday.

"Residents and businesses will be asked to display a flag during the Olympics of a country where they have a special connection," Billings said. "The flag they choose to fly may represent a country where one's ancestors are from, a place where a family has lived or visited or simply a country whose athletes people are excited to see compete in Provo."

The mayor showed his own enthusiasm for the program by displaying the flag of Japan, a country to which he has a special connection.

"There's nothing like going to a place and living with the people," Billings said. "We are able to understand each other, which brings us together."

Billings said when he was in Japan four years ago the local people did not get excited about the Olympics until the end of the games.

"We want to build enthusiasm wherever possible before the games start," the mayor said. "We want the philosophy of Provo to be, "The world is welcome here."

Council members Paul Warner and Mark Hathaway also showed their enthusiasm for the project by displaying flags of their choice as well.

Councilman Hathaway chose Switzerland, a country where some of his ancestors are from.

Councilman Warner selected Greece, having visited the country with his wife.

With residents and businesses displaying flags from across the world, Provo city hopes to bring a sense of understanding to Olympic visitors.

"We want to pursue having the residents of Provo feel a part of the Olympics," Mayor Billings said. "This is just one of the many things we hope to do to generate enthusiasm."

Leland Gamette, Provo City's Olympic Coordinator, said in a press release, "There are few cities in the world whose residents have lived and traveled across the world like residents of Provo."

Gamette said Provo Town Centre has agreed to join Provo City in this project.

One of the locations flags can be purchased, Gammete said, is at the customer service desk at Provo Town Center for $10.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Police close mall in search of fugitive

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. Police closed the biggest shopping mall in the country for eight hours Tuesday to search hallways, bathrooms and broom closets for a man wanted in three states.

Anthony Zappa, 29, apparently escaped on a motorized cart, Bloomington Police Chief Roger Willow said. Zappa is wanted on burglary, auto theft and weapons possession charges in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

"We don't know where he might be," Willow said.

Police converged on the Mall of America in suburban Minneapolis Tuesday morning after a motorist spotted someone who looked like Zappa driving a car.

During a police chase, the car, registered to one of Zappa's relatives, went over a 4-foot embankment at a hotel. It was later found in a mall parking area.

More than 100 officers and a police dog conducted a search of the mall, which covers 4.2 million square feet and gets 100,000 daily visitors on average.

Nearly 1,000 people were evacuated, including store employees, people who walk around the mall for exercise, and students who attend two schools at the shopping center. In the afternoon, police found a sweat shirt and cap believed to be Zappa's on a cart left at a stopping point for taxicabs, shuttles and buses. Surveillance video recorded someone who looked like Zappa near the area.

Shipwreck survivors turn to cannibalism

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Survivors of a nightmarish shipwreck resorted to cannibalism to stay alive during a 24-day ordeal at sea, according to one survivor cited in a Dominican government report.

Only two of the 60 Dominicans believed to have crowded onto the boat, which hit a coral reef off Haiti and sank Thursday, survived. A third person that survived the accident died in a Haitian hospital Friday after suffering a head injury and dehydration.

The report said one survivor, 19-year-old Carlos Pinales, told a Cuban physician, Dr. Jorge Carlo, that he and others ran out of food and water and had to drink seawater and find other sources of food.

"One of the survivors who spoke with the doctor said ... they had been without food or water for so much time that they began to eat the flesh of the people who had died," said the report on the ill-fated migrants who were trying to reach Puerto Rico illegally.

Monks exorcise ghosts at newspaper

HONG KONG – With stories of spirits swirling through the office and some employees scared to work nights, a Hong Kong newspaper called in two Buddhist ghostbusters Tuesday to try to restore calm.

The robed monks chanted, sprinkled water and rang a bell during the traditional cleansing ceremony at the South China Morning Post, an English-language daily. The paper's editor, Robert Keatley, and some staff members bowed at a small altar set up near the reception desk.

Keatley's secretary, Winnie Tam, said the half-hour ritual had been organized to allay fears among staff.

Some women at the Post have been going to the lavatory in pairs since the newspaper's food editor heard a voice calling her name while she was washing her hands on March 8 – but no one was there.

"I just thought that it was really weird," said Susan Jung, of Monterey Park, Calif., adding that the voice spoke in English.

Jung said that as far as she knows, she is the only staffer to have such an encounter since the newspaper moved into its new offi- a few weeks ago.

Correction

A headline in Tuesday's paper on page 2, identified Larry Echohawk as a past governor of Idaho. He was a candidate for governor, but lost in the final election. The Daily Universe regrets the error.

Weather

Yesterday	Today	Thursday
High 72 Low 42 as of 5 p.m.	Cloudy	Cloudy
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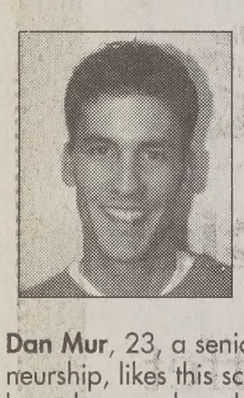
sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day



"Wherefore, do not spend money for that which is of no worth, nor your labor for that which cannot satisfy. Hearken diligently unto me, and remember the words which I have spoken; and come unto the Holy One of Israel, and feast upon that which perisheth not, neither can be corrupted, and let your soul delight in fatness."

—*2Nephi 9:51*

Dan Mur, 23, a senior from Provo majoring in business/entrepreneurship, likes this scripture because "this scripture has always brought warmth and comfort to my soul in times of despair. If we follow the Lord's commandments we can be happy."

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State continues supervision of Family Service

Ongoing battle in court leaves Family Services under scrutiny

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The Utah Division of Child and Family Services say state courts are not playing fair, but the National Center for Youth Law contends the division is the one not playing hard enough.

In 1993, the National Center for Youth Law filed suit against the Utah DCFS on behalf of 13 families who believed the division had mistreated their children. The suit cited deficiencies in the Utah agency and its improper handling of abuse and neglect cases.

A 1994 settlement between the two sides held the DCFS to four years of court supervision to ensure the division measured up to a long list of improvements.

But in 1998, just before the four years were up, U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell reevaluated the case, then ordered to extend court jurisdiction over the division for an indefinite period.

Last Monday, 10th Circuit Court judges denied an appeal by the DCFS. Opposed to Campbell's 1998 decision, Annina Mitchell, Department Solicitor General for the Utah Attorney General's office, said although the time period designated by the settlement has ended and the division is not completely up to par, the federal courts are not sticking to the plan.

"The court is changing the deal after the fact," Mitchell said. "We agreed on a settlement instead of a trial, but now the 10th Circuit is saying it's meaningless."

Officials for the DCFS agree that their progress in those four years were as appropriate as time would allow.

"The agency has made an incredible effort and the system has changed a lot because of it," Mitchell said. "Just because we don't score high, the other side assumes we haven't made enormous progress."

But John O'Toole, the director of the National Center for Youth Law, said he disagrees with the division's efforts.

"By 1996, it was clear that the state was not keeping the promises that it had made," O'Toole said. "They were found by the judge in the case to be in massive non-compliance."

According to O'Toole, Campbell found the original plan defunct. Insisting on a clearer plan that would better manage a complete overhaul of the division, the nine point "Milestone Plan" was drafted in 1998.

In a letter to then DCFS director Ken Patterson, Paul Vincent, the director of the Alabama-based Child Welfare Policy, criticized the division's ill attempts at making improvements, O'Toole said. Patterson has since been fired.

Robin Arnold Williams, DCFS acting director, said Patterson has a good plan. But the division he is in charge needs someone who is capable of implementing that plan, Patterson said.

"Now that the appeal is [illegible] and Mr. Patterson is gone, [illegible] like to help the agency find the right person to help get them on track," O'Toole said.

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> —Annina Mitchell, department solicitor general for the Utah Attorney General's office

San Jose Mercury layoffs avoided after resignation

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The executive editor of the San Jose Mercury News lifted the threat of layoffs Tuesday, the day after the paper's chairman and publisher resigned over planned job cuts.

Standing on a chair, David Yarnold held up a sheaf of papers and told a newsroom full of employees, "This is the layoff list." He then ripped up the papers to heavy applause, reporters at the afternoon meeting said.

Yarnold told the staff the paper would trim the equivalent of 20 full-time employees but through attrition, reductions in overtime and free-lance budgets, and other cost-cutting moves. He also said the paper will fold its San Francisco edition into another suburban edition. The edition was launched last summer to compete with the San Francisco Chronicle.

"We worked with Knight Ridder to bring our profit target to a reasonable level in a bad economy," Yarnold told The Associated Press in an interview later Tuesday. "It's a budget that will allow us to continue to do excellent journalism."

The demand by the paper's parent company, Knight Ridder, to continue increasing profit margins — and the impact it would have on the paper's reporting - prompted Jay T. Harris to resign Monday after seven years as publisher. Harris did not return repeated calls for comment Tuesday.

Earlier this month, Harris had announced plans to lay off an unspecified number of employees, blaming lower revenues from help-wanted ads and other signs of Silicon Valley's slowdown.

In a farewell e-mail to employees Monday, Harris said he hoped to persuade Knight Ridder CEO Tony Ridder and Steve Rossi, president of the newspaper division, to reconsider profit targets for the Mercury News.

Rossi sent Harris an e-mail Saturday urging higher profit margins, the Mercury News reported Tuesday. The e-mail said that while margins at the Mercury News have ranged between 22 percent and 29 percent over the past 10 years, the newspaper needed to raise them to "be in step with the goal to move KR's overall margins up."

Top executives of San Jose-based Knight Ridder offered a contrasting characterization in a letter to Mercury News employees Monday, promising that "we will not let the vagaries of Silicon Valley damage the newspaper that we are so proud of."

Provo Council approves fundi[illegible] for community development

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The verdict was out at Tuesday night's Provo City Council meeting, and for some, the results were not very pretty.

The Council approved the committee funding recommendations for nearly $2.7 million for Community Development Block Grants.

The funds, given to the city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, are used to provide aid for low and moderate-income citizens.

The funds are appropriated to organizations running from the 4-H Clubs to sidewalk repairs and storm drains.

Although this year's total of almost $2.7 million was the largest grant the Community Development Block Grant committee has received, some funding requests were not filled.

Monty Groesbeck, CDBG committee chairman, said there just wasn't enough money for everyone.

"It doesn't take a rocket engineer to say, oh wait a minute, something has got to go," Groesbeck said.

For the 4-H Clubs, their r[illegible] for $39,740 was downsized [illegible] bare minimum of $6,000.

The Boys and Girls Club [illegible] out $5,564 short.

"When nearly $4 milli[illegible] requested, it presents qu[illegible] dilemma when all you are [illegible] is $2,[illegible]4,000," Groesbeck s[illegible]

Of the $2.7 million, $74[illegible] went to the City Council [illegible] Neighborhood Enrichm[illegible] Program.

Council member [illegible] Richards said the funds w[illegible] used to buy, refurbish an[illegible] houses, possibly at a loss t[illegible] income families.

"It's anonymous money[illegible] will be returned to the com[illegible] ty a million fold," Richards [illegible]

The Neighborhood Enrich[illegible] Program will encourage h[illegible] ownership, which in turn [illegible] economically improve [illegible] City, Richards said.

Mayor Lewis Billings ask[illegible] $675,000 for storm drai[illegible] street improvements. His r[illegible] was denied other than $2[illegible] for various sidewalk imp[illegible] ments.

For those who didn't g[illegible] funds they wanted, M[illegible] Groesbeck has some advice [illegible]

"Please come back next [illegible] with what you want."

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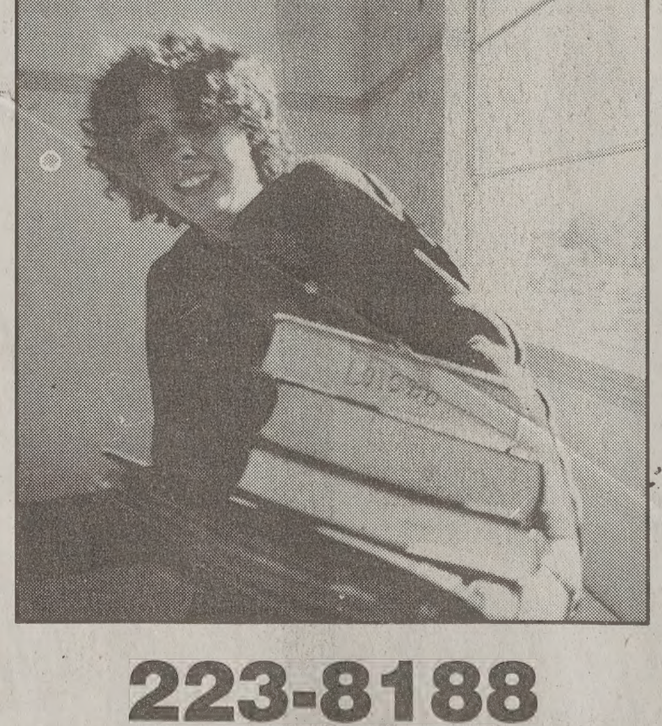

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BELES — State power managers ng blackouts across California for ight day Tuesday, cutting off hun- sands of homes and businesses as electricity again exceeded supply. factors that collided to strap power supply on Monday hit als with the Independent System d. Those include reduced electric- from the Pacific Northwest, ower plants offline for repairs and rovided by cash-strapped alterna- plants.

was higher than expected because ring weather. Temperatures were normal across California on cluding the 80s and low 90s in lifornia. They were expected to be ower Tuesday but still in the 70s

Southern California plant that the would be working Tuesday had not

aid rolling blackouts were possible evening, though a power plant being restored to full service was expected to ease the situation slightly.

The ISO, which oversees much of the state power grid, ordered utilities to cut power to enough residential and business customers to save 500 megawatts in the first 90-minute wave of rolling outages, enough electricity for about 375,000 households.

It reduced that to about 300 megawatts in a second wave.

The order affected Pacific Gas & Electric, which serves much of central and northern California including San Francisco, and Southern California EdisozEl Monte, Rancho Mirage, Long Beach and Santa Monica.

San Diego Gas & Electric was also ordered to cut power but details on the number of customers affected were not immediately available. About 3,000 customers in the Sacramento Municipal Utility District had their power cut.

Jenny Sequeira, owner of Country Elegance Residential Care in rural Elk Grove, said everything from laundry and kitchen facilities to telephones were shut down when the blackout hit Tuesday morning.

"Thank God I have a cell phone. If there was an emergency, I'd have really been in a pickle," she said.

The ISO had hoped demand would start to subside and conservation would kick in, but that did not happen, officials said.

"We've been giving the conservation message since last May and I'm at a loss about why it's not working as well anymore," spokesman Patrick Dorinson said.

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> — Patrick Dorinson, Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman

The blackouts Monday struck without warning, coming in two waves that left more than 1.2 million customers without power from San Diego to Sacramento. It was a particular shock for Southern California, since the two previous blackouts, Jan. 17 and 18, affected only the northern and central parts of the state.

"It was quite sudden, with no warning or nothing," said Nina Prommer of Globe Photos Inc., a Beverly Hills-based photo agency.

Intersections in Sacramento were jammed Monday as signal lights went dark. Trapped office workers had to climb through the roof of an elevator in Ventura, and businesses from San Francisco to Silicon Valley put up "Closed" signs.

Monday's shortages were blamed on a transformer fire and a lack of power from idled plants and out-of-state suppliers. At the same time, demand went up as unseasonably high temperatures — 87 degrees in downtown Los Angeles — prompted people to turn on air conditioners.

Housing loan increase expected to help builders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Housing Secretary Mel Martinez said Tuesday the government should guarantee larger loans for companies that want to build rental housing, predicting the change will generate an additional 3,000 apartments for rent.

The change would allow builders to get larger loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration, spurring them to build more units, Martinez said.

"Skyrocketing construction costs have resulted in a virtual halt in the building of multifamily homes across America," Martinez said. "Our proposal ... will provide thousands of Americans new opportunities for a place to call home."

The Department of Housing and Urban Development wants Congress to increase the limit on FHA loans by 25 percent, a proposal that was included in President Bush's budget plan.

The department predicted that the change would allow for an extra $300 million in construction of about 3,000 additional units in 2002. It would not impact the government's budget because FHA is self-funded by premiums paid by borrowers, HUD said.

FHA insures loans that might not be approved through banks and other conventional sources due to a borrower's low income, credit history or other problems.

HUD can only provide FHA insurance of about $40,248 per two-bedroom apartment, a figure that varies by region.

Since the limit on loan size was last increased in 1992, construction costs in some areas have risen by 25 percent or more, HUD said, arguing that these increasing costs, coupled with the static loan limits, have driven developers to more lucrative projects.

athan Morris, second-year law student at University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will be on campus to meet pre-law students.

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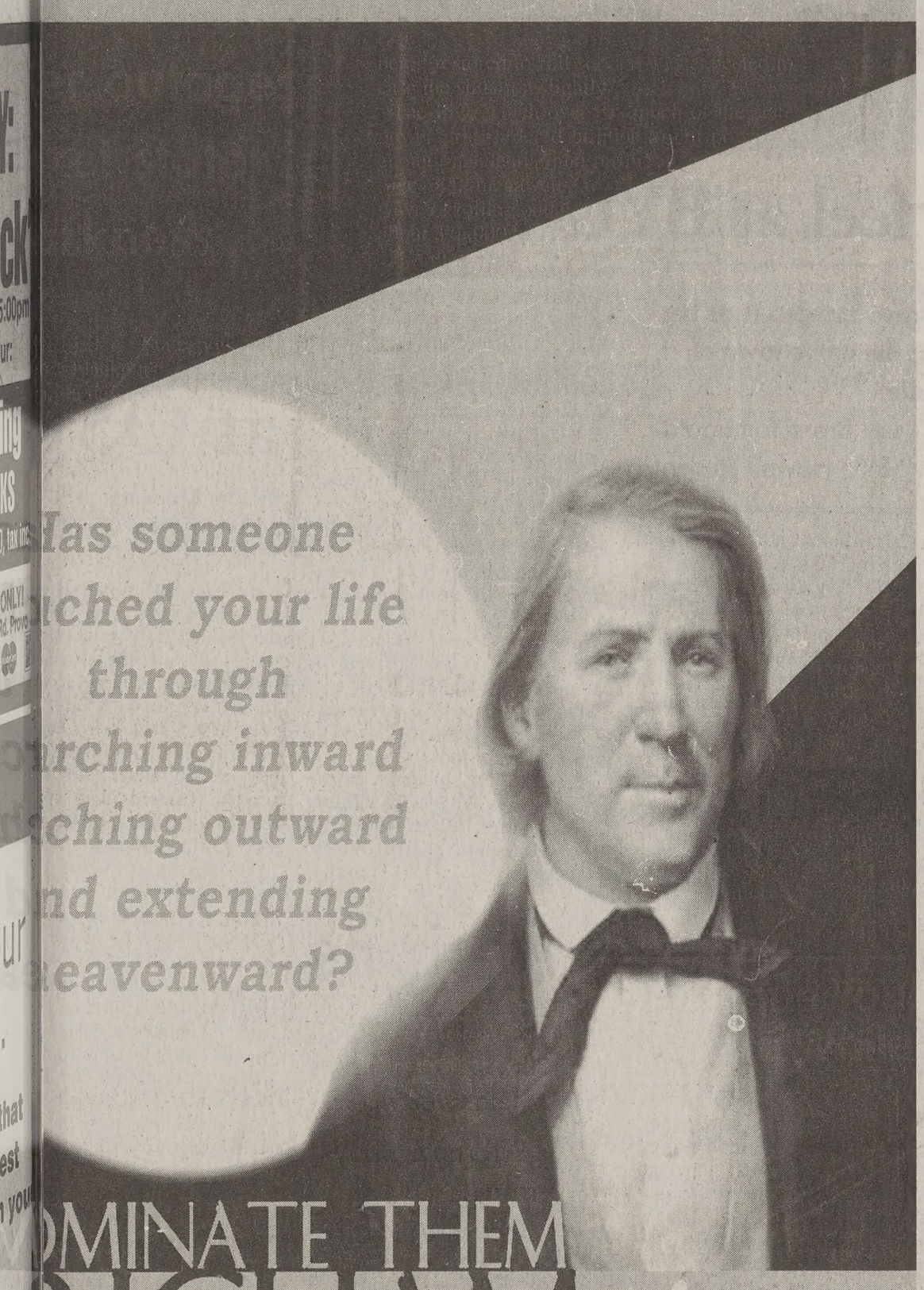

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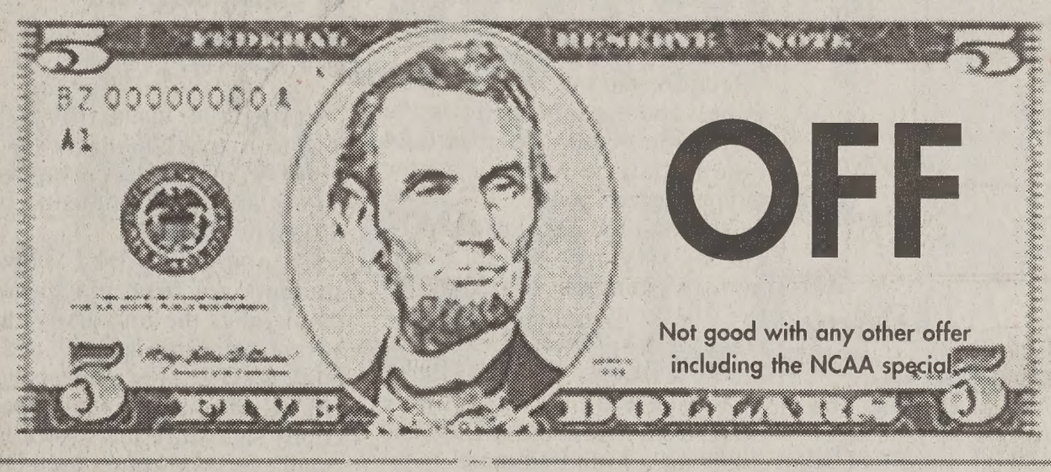

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

To submit an event, send an e-mail to calendar@du2.byu.edu. Include event info, contact name and phone number.

Today

Final Cut 2001: A Film Odyssey The student film festival will showcase the best student projects of the year today through Saturday. Two programs, A & B, will be held today though Friday at 7:30 p.m. in W111 and W112 BNSN. Admission is $2 for each program.

Luau: In the Eye of the Storm The Polynesian Club is sponsoring a luau at 7 p.m. in the WSC Ballroom. Tickets are available at the WSC Information desk, $11 for the show and Polynesian dinner, or $5 for the show only. Dinner begins at 5 p.m.

Richard III will be performed in the Pardoe Theatre today through Saturday. Tickets are $10 ($2 off with BYU I.D.) Call 378-4322 for tickets.

Life Leadership Seminar speaker for today is Ken Shelton, CEO and editor-in-chief of Executive Excellence and author of several publications. The seminar will be at 7 p.m. in 151 Tanner Bldg.

Live at the Terrace Multi-cultural entertainment at noon in the WSC Terrace.

"Biodiversity of the Amazon" As part of BYU's International Forum Series, Keith A. Crandall will speak at noon in 238 HRCB.

The Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert in the de Jong Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Capstone Orientation will be at 11 a.m. in 214 CTB. This orientation is required for all Capstone students for fall semester. For more information call 378-3894.

Dancensemble will perform today and Friday in the RB Dance Studio. Tickets are $4. Call 378-4322 for tickets.

"Women's Collusion in Counterproductive Media Images," a presentation by Cheryl Preston at 11 a.m. in 3223 WSC.

"Bringing Generations Together in Harmony," conference will be in the BYU Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact the Department of Health Sciences at 378-2214.

President Bateman Q & A Ask President Bateman about current BYU issues at 11 a.m. in the WSC Terrace.

MSO Showcase Multicultural Student Organization will perform at 7:30 in the WSC Ballroom. Tickets are $2 and can be purchased at the WSC Information Desk.

Living Legends Dancers will perform Polynesian, Native American and Latin American dances at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased in the HFAC ticket office.

Friday

Passover Seder service today and Saturday in 3228 WSC. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 ($8 off with BYU I.D.) They are available in 271 JSB.

BYU Singers will perform in the de Jong Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 ($3 off with BYU I.D.) Call 378-4322 for tickets.

Orpheus Winds BYU's faculty wind ensemble, will perform a free concert in the Madsen Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Volleyball vs. Long Beach State at 7 p.m. in the Smith Field House.

Pow Wow will be at 5 p.m. in the WSC Ballroom. Tickets are $4 ($1 off with BYU I.D) and can be purchased at the WSC Information Desk.

Saturday

Best of Final Cut The Final Cut awards ceremony and screening of the top student films will be at 6 and 9 p.m. in the JSB Auditorium. Admission is $5.

University Band will give a free concert in the de Jong Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Volleyball vs. Long Beach State at 7 p.m. in the Smith Field House.

A Cappella Showcase & Open Mic will be in the Skyroom from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is free with a can of food.

Harvard students want balance too

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> "The students here are very diverse." — Geoffrey Stevens, Harvard student

Getting accepted to Harvard, one of America's most prestigious universities, may feel like winning an academic marathon.

Yet many Harvard students say their college experience is similar to anyone else's.

Even though the school is home to the academically elite, Harvard students say not everyone is a bookworm.

"The students here are very diverse," said Geoffrey Stevens, a Harvard student.

"You have plenty of nerds that camp out in the science library all day, and even bring pillows and alarm clocks with them so they don't have to go home to sleep, while other kids here barely have a book in their room," Stevens said.

Similar to students at any other school, Harvard students say they must seek equilibrium among the different aspects of their lives.

"I could study 24 hours a day and still not learn everything I felt I needed to, so I just have to try and do the best balancing act I can," Stevens said.

Despite the fact that undergraduate tuition is nearly $34,000 per year, Stevens said Harvard students come from a wide variety of economic backgrounds.

Harvard student Stephen Smith said there are a few extremely wealthy people at Harvard, but they are not the norm.

"I would imagine that the average income level is similar to yours at BYU," Smith said.

Of course not every aspect of Harvard life is the same as BYU's, especially for students who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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Aggies love football, kissing

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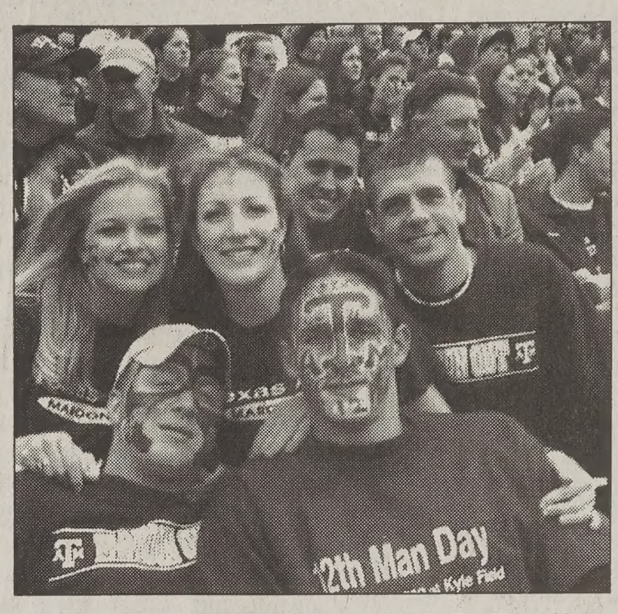

Photo from Texas A&M Web site

College Station, the home of Texas A&M University, is colored by an assortment of tales and traditions.

Football games are huge social events for Texas A&M students.

"You ask dates to football games, and it is just understood that you will kiss your date every time the Aggies make a touchdown," said Lee Carson, 21, a junior at Texas A&M.

At midnight the day before the game, "Yell Practice" is held at the Kyle Field, Carson said.

Students gather to practice all the game yells and to learn the special signals the yell leaders give during the game to begin the yells.

At the end of the night, the stadium lights are turned off, and students who brought dates kiss their da[illegible].

"If you don't have a date, you hold up a lighter and that's supposed to help you meet someone," Carson said.

Students also stand throughout the whole football game to symbolize the "Twelfth Man" tale.

The "Twelfth Man" began when an ordinary student stood on the sidelines during a football game in case he was needed due to the shortage of players the team had that game.

The entire student body at A&M is the "Twelfth Man" and are standing in the stands waiting to be called on, said Randy Bowles, 23, a senior from Texas A&M.

"I am a graduating senior this semester, so I usually go out Tuesday through Saturday. ... most people start going out on Wednesday night," Bowles said.

Wednesday is karaoke night at Shadow Canyon, a local bar, and everyone goes, said Marci Rice, 20, a sophomore at Texas A&M.

Thursday night is the biggest night of the week, Bowles said.

On Thursday, students attend the different country dance cl[illegible] the Dixie Chicken, Hurric[illegible] Harry's, Riley's and The Te[illegible] Hall of Fame.

"They don't just play cou[illegible] music – it's a good mixtu[illegible] Bowles said.

Friday nights are fairly mel[illegible] Rice said.

"They are recovery nigh[illegible] Bowles said.

On Saturday, students are us[illegible]ly found at local bars play[illegible] dominoes and pool and danc[illegible] Carson said.

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College life similar beyond Y

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While BYU basketball fans were ecstatic over the team's NCAA bid, students at the University of Maryland at College Park were doing the same for their own Maryland Terrapins.

"Basketball is huge. I've been on the front row for all the games," said Jason Reddish, 20, a senior from Salisbury, Md., majoring in physiology and neurobiology at College Park. "We get there four-and-a-half hours early."

Like BYU students journeying to Las Vegas for the MWC tournament, Reddish went to Atlanta where Maryland played in its conference tournament.

About 30,000 students go to the University of Maryland and they enjoy the sports and the top-notch education, Reddish said.

Reddish said one of his favorite things about campus life is the recreation center. There are 24 racquetball courts and a new Olympic-sized pool.

Utah isn't the only state experiencing Olympic fever. Baltimore/Washington is bidding for the 2012 Olympics, so already "they're using it as an excuse to renovate things," Reddish said.

College Park is a 10-minute drive from Washington D.C. and 30 minutes from Baltimore.

Campus life at the University of Maryland can be especially hard for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said David Traxler, 21, a junior from Martinsburg, W.V., majoring in mechanical engineering.

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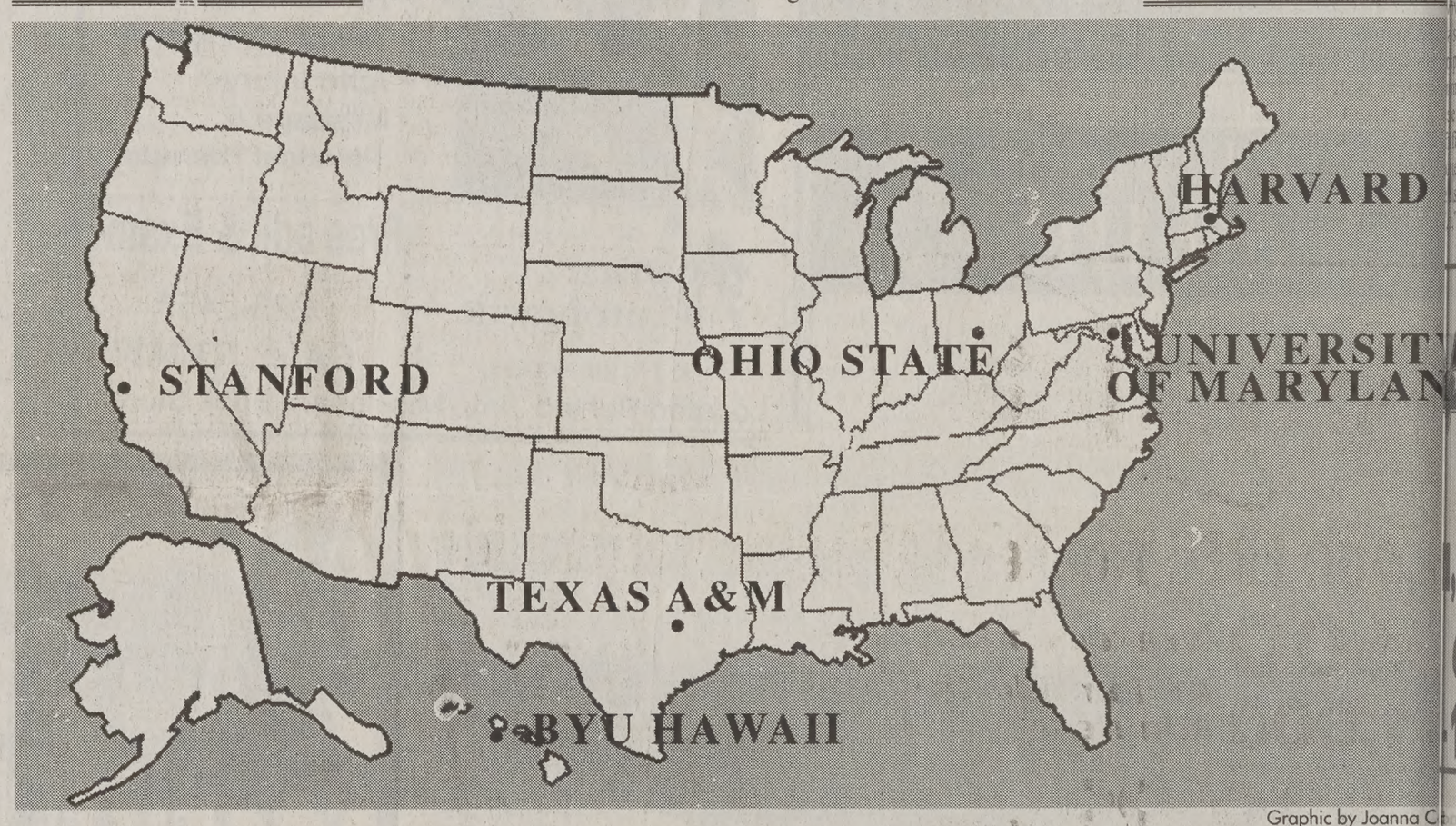

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Small-town feel at BYU-Hawaii

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> "Provo campus is as big as the entire town of Laie." — Brent Yamagata, BYU-Hawaii student

Surfing, sun, luaus. How would it be to go to school in Hawaii?

BYU-Hawaii offers a variety of opportunities for students, both on and off campus.

Since so many BYU-Hawaii students are from places other than Oahu, the university takes advantage of the diversity and the unity BYU-Hawaii students have.

BYU-Hawaii senior Nicole Gibby said since the school is so small everyone knows each other.

"You see the same people all the time, they know everything about you. It can be both a good and a bad thing," she said.

BYU-Hawaii hosts many campus activities, since many students are so far from home.

On holidays, such as Memorial Day and Labor Day, which are generally spent with family, BYU-Hawaii has a beach party at the nearby Hukilau Beach.

ASBYUH, the university's student association, provides food and entertainment, while students play volleyball, surf or just hang out with their friends.

Other campus activities include Foodfest, Songfest and Culture Night. Clubs are an essential part of these events, as each club puts together separate sections.

ASBYUH also provides bimonthly excursions to places of interest on the island, such as Waikiki, the Aloha Stadium Swapmeet, Wal-Mart and Diamond Head.

Since the town of Laie is so small, with one grocery store, four restaurants, and one single-screen movie theater, getting out of Laie is often a treat.

BYU-Hawaii student Brent Yamagata said he was surprised at the size of BYU campus when he visited Provo.

"Provo campus is as big as the entire town of Laie," he said.

Campus jobs at BYU-Hawaii can also be different from those in Provo.

How many Provo students can dance with fire and knives for campus employment?

Many students take advantage of the adjacent Polynesian Cultural Center for jobs.

PCC, as most students call the center, shares Polynesian culture, through song, dance, food and other activities with island tourists.

Institut[illegible] thrives at OSU

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As a private university c[illegible] Church of Jesus Christ of L[illegible] day Saints, BYU is abound[illegible] religion, culture, classe[illegible] opportunity. However, th[illegible] Institute programs and st[illegible] wards, non-Latter-day Sain[illegible] versities, like Ohio State U[illegible] sity in Columbus, Ohio, ca[illegible] provide students who are i[illegible] bers of the Church of Jesus [illegible] with spiritual opportunities.

According to Scott B[illegible] Institute director at OS[illegible] Institute program actually [illegible] to reduce the size of the c[illegible] for the Latter-day Saint stud[illegible]

"A lot of students partici[illegible] the Institute program," I[illegible] said. "It makes it easier t[illegible] friends with the same stand[illegible]

Burton said that the In[illegible] program at OSU has bee[illegible] cessful because it gives st[illegible] an opportunity to learn [illegible] interact socially.

"I think there are a lot o[illegible] tive influences morally on[illegible] lege campus and especi[illegible] Ohio State there are a lot [illegible] religious challenges," I[illegible] said. "Institute helps st[illegible] answer religious question[illegible] providing a strong social [illegible] phere as well."

Frank Scardena, 22, a [illegible] day Saint student majo[illegible] Chinese/Pre-Med at OSU [illegible] likes the Institute pr[illegible] because it gives him a brea[illegible] his regular class schedu[illegible] gives him the opportu[illegible]

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Stanford rich in long-standing traditions

Photo from Stanford Web site

Stanford students enjoy a meal together in the sun. Stanford is known for its traditions.

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Wads and wads of newspaper, phonebook paper, lined paper, graph paper and toilet paper go flying through the air every Sunday night.

For Stanford University students, especially freshmen, Sunday night "flicks," or movies, are a vital part of the social experience.

Akin to our own Varsity Theater, the memorial auditorium holds 1,700 students as they scream, whoop and yell at the screen.

According to the Stanford students' organization Web site, the screaming and the paper fights are long-standing traditions dating back to 1937.

Alarice Lacanlale, 20, a junior from Manila, Philippines, majoring in international relations, is a student at Stanford and for her, the movies were just part of the freshman experience.

"Before the movie starts, they have a big paper fight to release stress and just yell," Lacanlale said. "Sometimes it hurts because people get violent and they can get mad."

Stanford is full of rituals and traditions, and the "Primal Scream" during finals week is a just one example.

"At midnight every night during the dead week before finals, everyone screams as loud as they can," Lacanlale said.

Aside from the usual weekend parties, Stanford students have plenty of activities to look forward to during the year, Lacanlale said.

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...sts can take a shuttle to ...y city, Palo Alto and San ...o for the day, Lacanlale ...iends and I meet up at ...Ho,' or coffee house on ...sometimes and it's a pop... e to go," she said.

...t BYU, 91 percent of the ...at Stanford live on cam... ...l for that reason, most ...s tend to be campus relat... ...nlale said.

...Peterson, 20, a junior ...alt Lake, majoring in ...iology attended Stanford ... attends BYU. She said ...d Stanford are on oppo... ...s of the social spectrum ...comes to social life.

...of all, dating is not even a ... your social experience ... Peterson said. "No one ...home and says, 'oh my ...ust went out on a date!'" ...son said the best way to ...eople is by living in the dorms during freshman year and by going to class.

"Stanford is really campus oriented," she said. "People are really friendly though and you make friends as soon as you move into a house."

Although there are lots of things to do, some students still think the social scene at Stanford is lacking.

Jan Piotrowski, 19, a sophomore from New York, majoring in industrial engineering said he questions the quality of Stanford girls.

"It's kind of a joke that brains and beauty don't mix at Stanford," Piotrowski said.

He said because Stanford is such a demanding academic school, more girls study than go out on the weekends.

"Sometimes guys say pretty girls don't party, but it's because academics are everyone's highest priority," Piotrowski said.

Winners of McKay contest share essays

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Winners of the David O. McKay Essay Contest related the gospel with everything from left-handedness to Nebraska as they read their award-winning essays Tuesday in the WSC Little Theater.

The purpose of the annual contest, run by BYU's Christian Values Center, is to produce essays relating the gospel to life, said Richard Cracroft, director of the center.

Ryan Dean Curtis' essay, entitled "Nebraska," won the undergraduate category in this year's contest.

Matthew Kennington wrote the winning essay in the graduate category. His article was entitled "Only Stand and Wait."

Kennington, a second-year law student and third-time winner of the contest, said the writing process leads to change in his life.

"If you write a personal essay and it hasn't changed your life, then you haven't really written a personal essay," Kennington said.

The McKay essay contest began 15 years ago when BYU's Christian Values Center received a large grant from O. C. Tanner and his wife, Cracroft said. He said the Tanner's wanted a contest honoring President David O. McKay.

He said the Tanners also wanted the contest to focus on the application of gospel principles into daily life.

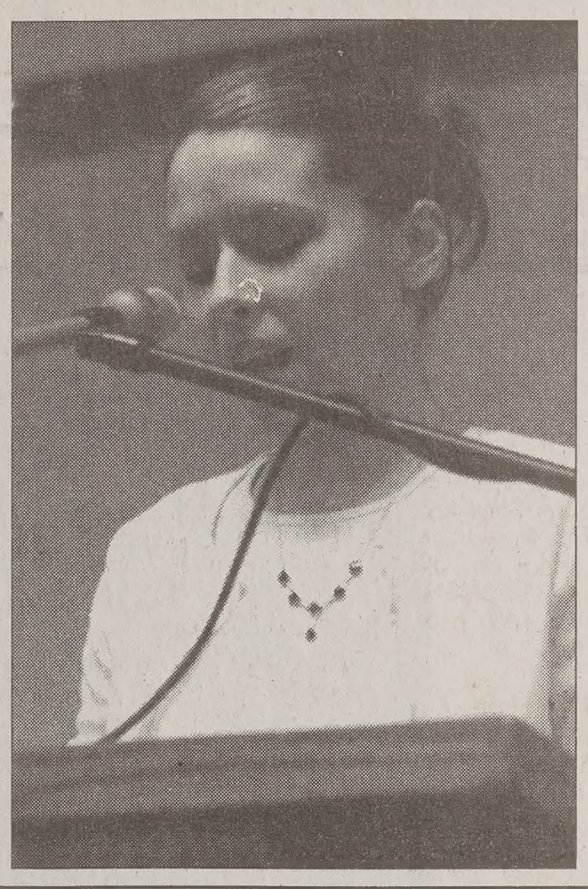
"They wanted (the essays) to show how theology makes a difference in the lives of Latter-day Saints," Cracroft said.

The winning essays are published in a volume called "The Restored Gospel and Applied Christianity."

The winners also receive monetary awards.

This contest has one of the highest monetary awards of any undergraduate competition in the nation, Cracroft said.

First-prize winners received $1,500. Second- and third-place winners received $1,125 and $750.



Heather J. Longhurst reads her essay from the David O. McKay Essay Contest Tuesday.

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...g single adult wards are ...ster a supportive environ... ...or students who are mem... ...f the Church of Jesus ... said Michael Anderson, ...of the Columbus Univer... ...st Ward.

...ward was organized to ...e young singles with the ...unity to participate in not ...hurch services, but also ...ng social activities as ...Anderson said.

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...ecially in areas like ...abus, where Mormons are ... vast minority, it really ...ies our testimonies to par... ...e with individuals that are ...same place as we are in the ..." Anderson said.

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Traxler lives off campus because he wants to avoid college temptations, he said.

"I know my strengths and weaknesses, and I'd rather avoid it altogether," he said.

Reddish said he lived on a substance-free honors dorm floor his freshman year. Students can volunteer to live on floors where they promise not to use drugs or alcohol, Reddish said.

Traxler said for him, making good Latter-day Saint friends is the key to having a great college experience.

"I have the best friends I've ever had in my entire life," he said. "The members create a special bond and stick really close together."

"I think the college experience can be great wherever you go, whether it's BYU or the middle of Nebraska," Traxler said. "It's the people you associate with and their values and morals that matter."

Bonny Busch, 18, a freshman at College Park from Annapolis, Md., majoring in English, said the dating and social atmosphere consists of a lot of mini-golf and bowling with friends with high standards, whether members of the Church of Jesus Christ or not.

Her most cherished college experience is her opportunity for missionary work, Busch said.

She said the constant flow of new members and investigators add enthusiasm to the CES Institute program.

"One of the reasons I wanted to go to Maryland is to talk about the church, to be at a non-church school," Busch said. "I've had the experience of telling so many people who I am and about the gospel."

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Ashley Isaacson, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ and a Harvard student, said her faith sets her apart from other students.

"Like it or not, my beliefs are radically different from almost everyone else's here, and it shows," Isaacson said.

Harvard sets itself apart from other schools by the number of celebrities who attend, such as Jonathan Taylor Thomas and Natalie Portman.

Harvard also has at least one tradition that sets it apart from more conservative schools.

The Primal Scream takes place each semester at midnight the Friday before finals start, said Harvard student Chris Phillips.

"Everyone that wants to, and there are usually quite a few, runs through the main part of campus naked," Phillips said. "For fall finals in January, this can be rather interesting."

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Every Tuesday night there is a break away held at the local Baptist Church, Bowles said.

It is a non-denominational church service where a speaker gives a sermon for about an hour along with congregational hymns, Bowles said.

"I have learned more there being taught by my fellow students than at any church I have been to," Bowles said.

The first Tuesday of every month "Silver Tap" is held, said Julio McKee, 21, a junior at Texas A&M.

This event is a memorial service for students who have died the previous month, McKee said.

"Most people go out of respect and do not know who died ... you won't see that at other schools," Bowles said.

"Howdy" is a common term heard all over the campus, symbolizing the friendliness of the A&M campus.

"We are really a close-knit group here," Rice said.

Everyone on campus says "howdy" to each other, whether they know the student or not, Carson said.

"Actually everyone who comes from out of town says it is the friendliest campus they have visited," Rice said.

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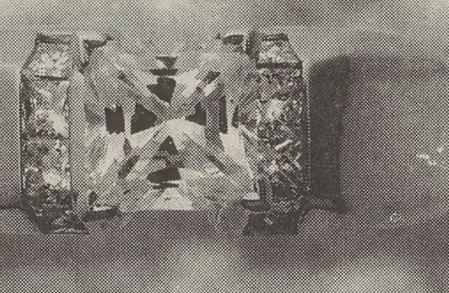
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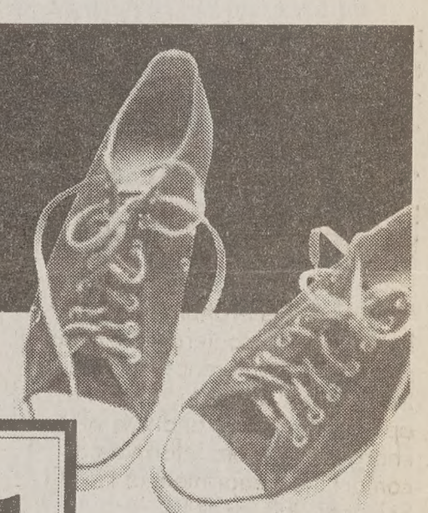
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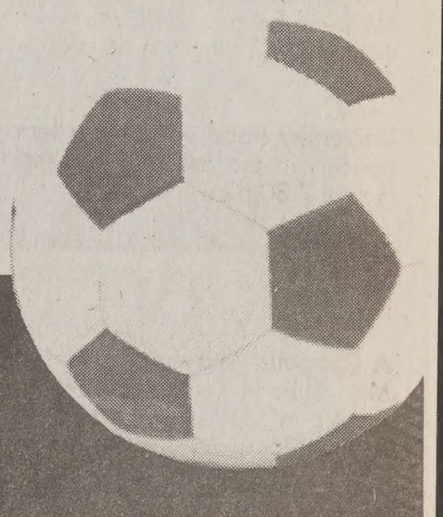
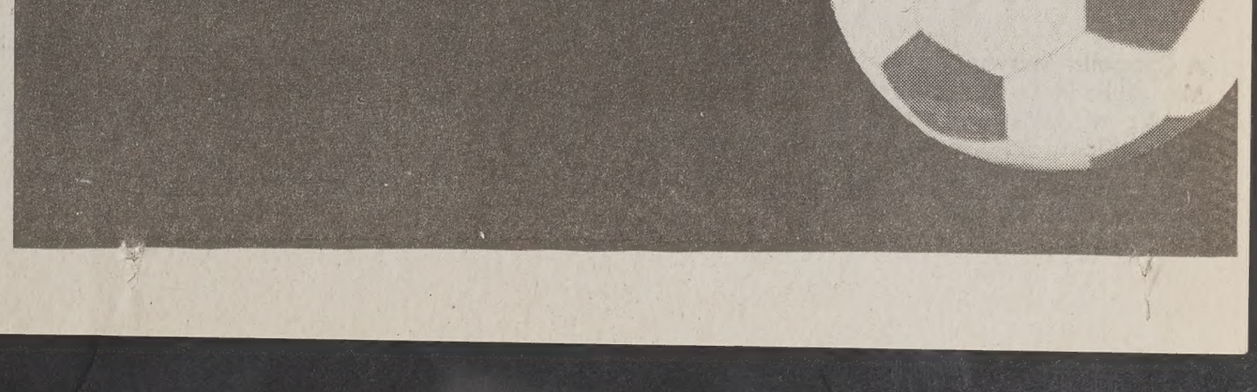

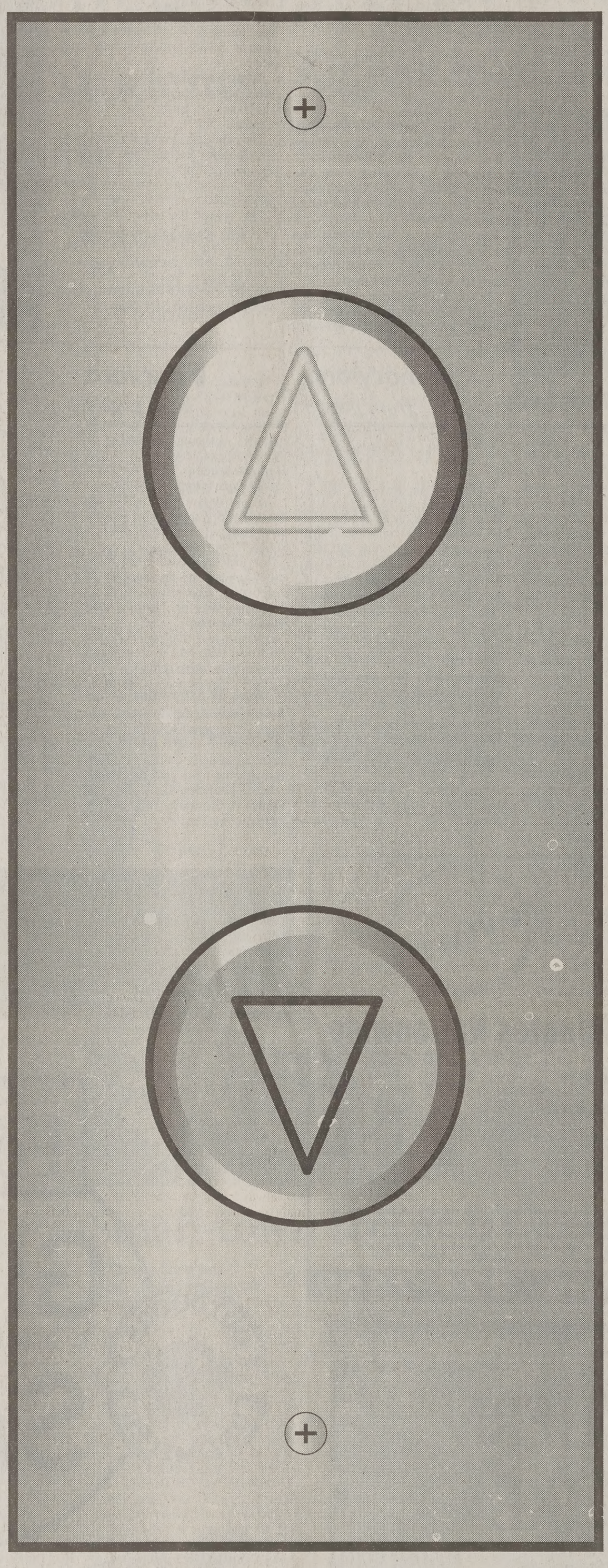

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... many years studying ballet and jazz, ...ooker said modern dance has freed up her ...way she has never experienced before.

Rooker, 23, a senior from Spokane, Wash., majoring in modern dance, choreographed her own solo for the performance.

"I don't think it is as hard as people think," she said. "Modern dance is all about finding everything your body can do and doing it."

The first step in choreographing a number is to develop a concept, Rooker said.

Rooker's concept for her solo is a tribute to her grandmother who passed away around Christmas time. She choose classical chamber music to accompany the dance because her sisters played a violin, piano and cello trio at her grandmother's funeral.

Once Rooker chose her concept, the next step was to go to the studio and just move. Rooker developed sequences, transitions and improvised.

"I'll just start moving in a way that shows what the concept means to me and often I'll find symbolic meaning in the movement I didn't intend," she said.

Movements in Rooker's solo are meant to represent her grandmother's traits.

"An athletic movement that takes a lot of strength is symbolic of her strength," she said.

Rooker's solo makes her feel extremely vulnerable because she choreographed and is performing it herself.

"Dance gives you the ability to say things that you can't say any other way," she said. "Dance presents communication in such a vulnerable way because you never know if people are going to accept it or not."

Vocal Point and the BYU Harp Ensemble will accompany some of the dance numbers.

"Live music in a concert moves it into a place I think is more magical than when dance is accompanied by electronic music," Debenham said.

Dancensemble will perform Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in 166 RB. Tickets are $4 and can be purchased at either the Fine Arts Ticket Office or at the door.

These are innovative, modern dance pieces and their structure and content communicate the sheer joy of movement," Debenham said.

Dancers with the Dancensemble perform during their dress rehearsal.

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...ce team during their Christmas Around the World performance last December.

Folk dancers light up on tour

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Instead of white shirts and name tags, these missionaries are wearing authentic international costumes. Forget the door approach, they prefer to dance.

The International Folk Dance Ensemble returned from a ten-day tour late Sunday night. They performed in Nampa, Idaho and cities in Washington including Seattle, Richland, Olympia, Tacoma and Vancouver.

This tour was especially gratifying because of how large the audiences were in each venue, said Ed Austin, director of the International Folk Dance Ensemble.

"I always feel that one of the main goals of a tour is that we might get the group out and exposed to as many people as possible," he said. "We also like to think of our tour as a little mission for the university and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

Often people who previously would not allow a missionary to start up a conversation with them, would go to a missionary and ask questions after they attended a show, Austin said.

"It is because of what they have seen, how they have felt and because of the impression students have left with them," he said.

The best part about touring is being able to touch people through dance and represent The Church of Jesus Christ, said Collin Shepherd, 24, a senior from O'Fallon, Ill., majoring in exercise physiology.

"It is so wonderful to relate to people after the show because the Spirit is always present," he said.

In Vancouver, people were lining up at 5:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show. The high school was filled to capacity with 1300 eager audience members, Shepherd said.

"People were asking us where our next show was so they could come and bring their kids and grandchildren," he said.

The next morning on the bus, Austin told the team of a family in Vancouver that a ward in the area was fellowshipping that had committed to take the discussions after the performance.

"After the show, the father said, 'So this is what the Spirit is, this is what you've been trying to teach us,'" Shepherd said. "It was phenomenal."

Ensemble members stayed with host families while on the road.

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Former Y student living modern Hollywood dream

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Not long ago, Shane Thueson was a BYU student balancing history paper deadlines with a job waiting tables. Today, he works from nine to eight, five days a week at Benderspink, a Los Angeles based production/ management company for writers and directors.

"I knew I wanted to be a writer around 13 or 14, and I loved movies so much, screenwriting was a natural progression from there," Thueson said.

At Benderspink, Thueson gains firsthand exposure to script editing, which is invaluable experience as Thueson aspires to be a director and screenwriter.

Thueson is an assistant to two managers, which requires reading scripts and counseling with other writers on how to improve their scripts.

Thueson delves into the minds of Hollywood's famous screenwriters by reading screenplays from his favorite movies.

Making it in Hollywood is not an easy career by any means, Thueson said.

Talent is a must, but Thueson has also learned that networking is essential to Hollywood success.

He strongly feels that it really makes a difference who you know.

"It's all about personal relationships."

Thueson's job at Benderspink evolved after a friend of his met a Hollywood producer at the Sundance Film Festival.

Networking is a tremendous benefit, but the parties and social gatherings involved with networking can prove to be a chore.

Thueson said there is a lot of temptation amidst the Hollywood community.

He said he attended parties because he wanted to network.

But the night life quickly lost its attraction. Thueson now prefers to hang out with his friends.

Thueson said being in such an environment has taught him how to live in the world but not of it.

Everyone at Benderspink knows that Shane's a Mormon and doesn't drink," he said.

However, the spotlight has never made Thueson uncomfortable.

"It's true that you take a little bit of flak but that's OK," he said.

Thueson's younger sister, Lindsay Thueson, is a senior at BYU from Sandy, Utah majoring in history.

"He doesn't care what other people think about him. He's not intimidated by anyone and has a very strong foundation in the church. Some people wouldn't last in Hollywood but my mom doesn't worry because he's got his head on straight," she said.

Thueson is not alone. A strong singles program for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints exists in Hollywood.

Thueson recently attended a fireside highlighting the possibility of an LDS film festival which would promote "positive and uplifting" entertainment.

Also in attendance were "Galaxy Quest" screenwriter David Howard and Rick Schroeder, star of "NYPD Blue."

Thueson said people who want to be involved in filmmaking need to be dedicated

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"We stayed with all sorts of people," Shepherd said. "There was a story for every place we stayed and everyone sacrificed."

While in Vancouver, Shepherd stayed with Larry Blair.

"We were excited to have them come and they did us a great service," Blair said. "They were such a pleasure and the boys were real gentlemen."

Blair said that his bad hip makes it difficult to get around, and he appreciated how helpful the boys were with the dishes. He also enjoyed studying the scriptures and praying with them.

Blair's stake mission president, a dentist, took members of his staff to the performance, and they were extremely impressed, Blair said.

"They were so impressed when the kids mingled with the audience because they were so wholesome, genuine and clean-cut," he said.

Teamwork is vital to the success of the performances. Setup, takedown and performing requires everyone to work together, Shepherd said.

"We're a united group and I think that comes across in our show," he said.

Members of the International Folk Dance Ensemble also gave a fireside while in Vancouver to the youth from four stakes. They sang, and selected members of the group gave impromptu talks and bore their testimonies on certain subjects.

"There is a greater purpose than to perform," Shepherd said. "We want to bless the lives of others through the performing arts and share the light that we have."

"It blesses our lives as well because we learn so much from the families we stay with, the people on the team and the people who come to the shows."

The show includes an American sequence, a Hungarian stick dance and Celtic, Croatian Canadian dances. The final number is the exi Ukrainian Hopak and then the group sings "Ge Now in Peace" and "God Be With You Till We M Again," Shepherd said.

"I felt very good about this tour because the dents performed well on and off stage," Austin s "We encouraged them to prepare themselves so t can be spiritually in tune while on tour."

Performing so many shows in such a short am of time can be tiring, Shepherd said. Funny thi happen in each show, however, that keep things l ly.

Before one show a dancer fell asleep in the b room, and sometimes people will lose a shoe or

"You just try to play it off and hope people ar watching you," Shepherd said.

The International Folk Dance Ensemble will p form the tour show at Timpanogos High Sch March 29-30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Fine Arts Ticket Office in the Harris Fine Arts Ce for $7.

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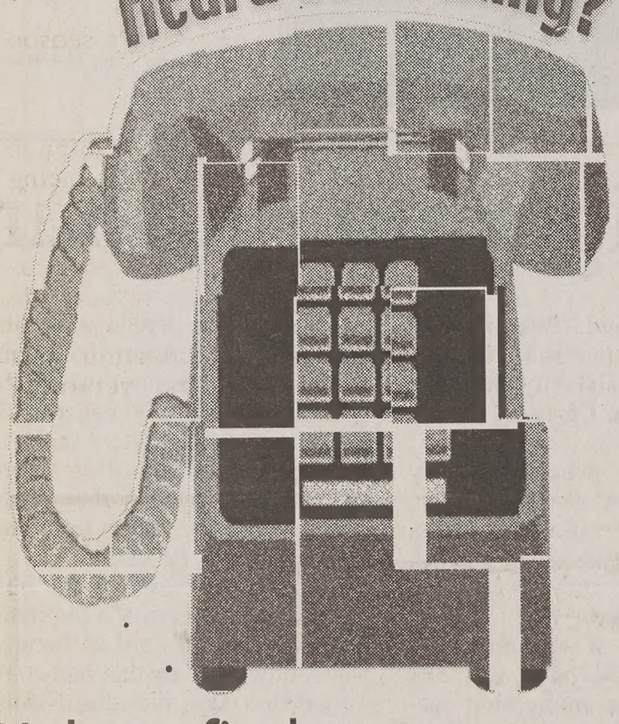

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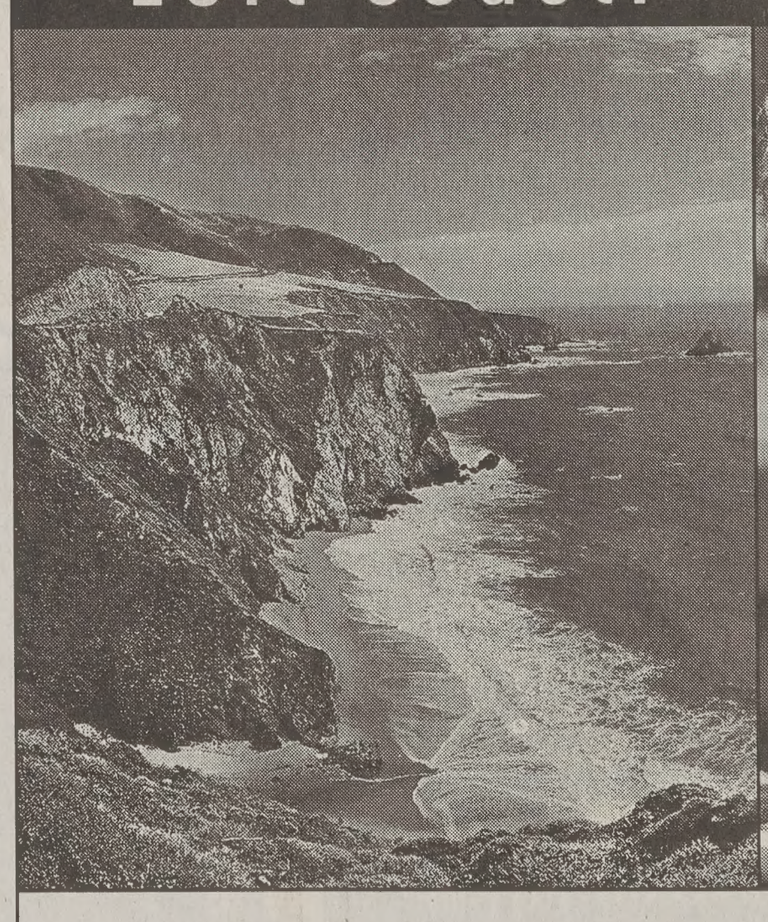

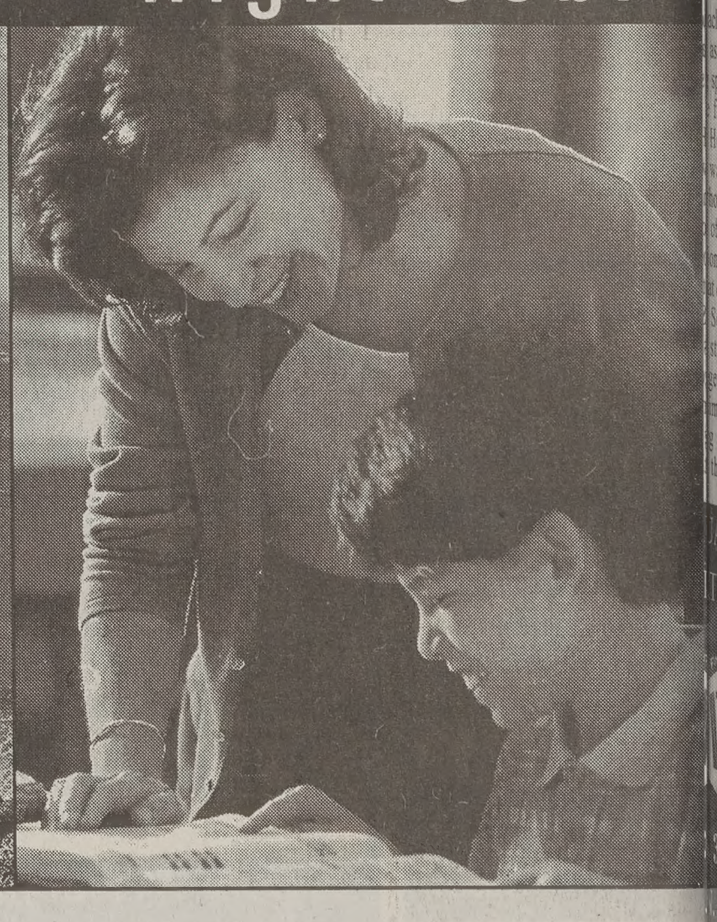

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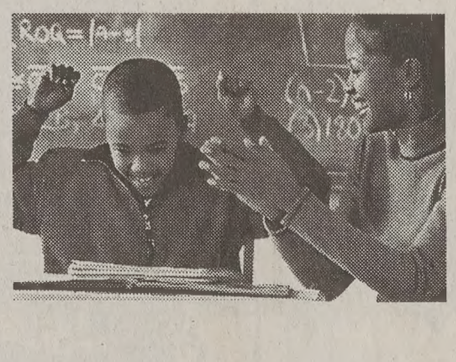

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> — Brad Soderberg, former Wisconsin coach

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and Bennett both hat the university would have to relax its tough entrance requirements to attract the level of athlete Richter covets. Bennett said he and Soderberg adhered to the university's demand that they recruit only good students.

"If the school remains true to that philosophy, I'm not sure it's going to matter who comes in because you're limited to the kind of student-athlete you can get," Bennett said.

Richter said academic standards won't be lowered.

"I know we're not in that category, but Duke and Stanford have proven you can have high standards and still attract athletes of a higher level," he said.

Bennett said Soderberg was a victim of unrealistic expectations because the Badgers were coming off their first Final Four appearance in 59 years.

"I feel responsible to a degree for what's happened to him," Bennett said. "I did not have the strength or the ability to continue this year. It was that. It wasn't a calculated move to get him in there. I simply couldn't go on and he was left holding those expectations."

Bennett's son, Tony Bennett, and fellow assistants Shawn Hood and Paul Costanzo also are out of work.

Soderberg, 38, said he already had inquired about several other coaching jobs. He said he never got to state his case to Richter, who walked into his office Monday morning and immediately informed him of his decision.

Soderberg said he would have told Richter that he and Bennett "came upon a way to get it done at Wisconsin that hadn't been figured out for 50 years."

"Until we figured that out, basketball around here was not much," Soderberg said. "And I think to veer from that formula now is risky."

Y season ends in overtime

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It all looked so promising. Down by three, time running out, and Julie Whetten nails a three-pointer to send the game into overtime.

Surely the desperation shot would give the Cougars the momentum to win the game.

Unfortunately, Hawaii was able to overcome BYU's late game heroics and won 77-73 in the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament on Monday.

"I was really proud of our kids, they kept hanging in there even when a lot of calls didn't go our way," said coach Trent Shippen.

Not a lot of calls included seven fouls called on the Cougars in overtime which converted into 14 of Hawaii's 16 points in the extra period.

In their first visit to Hawaii since they broke off from the WAC, the visiting Cougars opened up with good play in front of a hostile crowd of 3, 279 at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu.

Taking a single digit lead into the second half, BYU got into foul trouble early and Hawaii took advantage, converting on 27 of 34 free throws for the game.

BYU's starting center, Caroline Beus, fouled out with four seconds remaining in regulation, and Lisa Osguthorpe fouled out with nine seconds left in overtime.

The Cougars wouldn't go down without a fight, however, and along with some hot three-point shooting stayed close even though they shot 37 percent from the field.

With a huge boost off the bench from forward Jennifer Leitner, who scored a career-high 21 points and snatched 10 rebounds, BYU stayed in it until the very end.

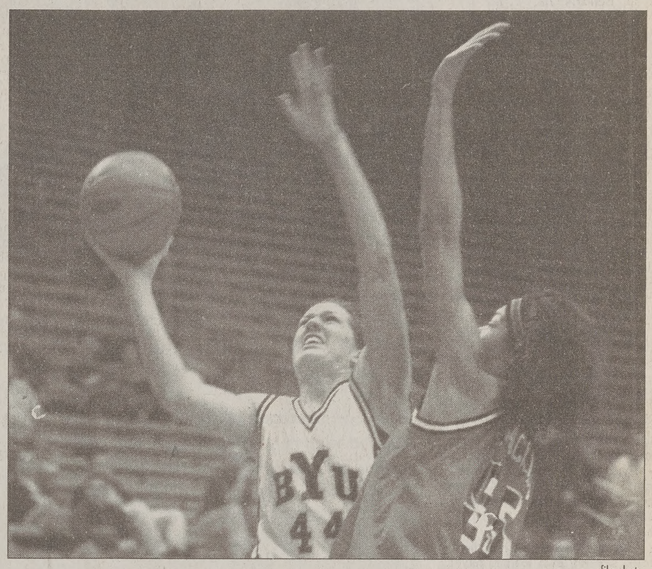
Leitner's heroics weren't enough as Hawaii opened up overtime with a 6-0 run and went a perfect 14 for 14 from the charity stripe to seal a victory and continue on in the post-season tournament.

Hawaii received solid contributions from everyone, including four players in double figures led by Janka Gabrielova with 24 points.

Erin Thorn scored 16 points and grabbed six rebounds for the Cougars, and Lisa Osguthorpe also added 12 points and seven boards.

"We gave ourselves plenty of chances to win and that's all you can ask as a coach," Shippen said. "Our kids kept bouncing back, being resilient."

And such resiliency is what kept the Cougars going all season as they finish with a respectable record of 19-13, 8-6, and have plenty to look forward to next season with four returning starters.



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Forward Caroline Beus shoots over a UNLV player in a game earlier this year. BYU's season ended Monday when it lost to Hawaii 77-73 in overtime.

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Y feels at home in Orem

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For the first time this season, the BYU softball team will play on home turf — Utah Valley State College.

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., the BYU softball team hosts Utah State University in a doubleheader at the UVSC softball field.

The UVSC bases are as close as the Cougars can get to home with construction crews still working on the Gail Miller Field.

Going into the game, the Cougars should be confident after bringing their record to an even 15-15 after four straight wins at the Mar. 17 Sacramento State Classic.

The team however, is not letting a few wins distract them from what is really important — getting past the team's inability to score early and continue scoring.

"We need to score consistently; we need to score every inning," said team captain Mindy Hanson. "I think we get comfortable after scoring in the first inning."

Each athlete must deliver strong for the entire game, not just the beginning then sit back and expect someone else to produce Hanson said.

With a slowly improving record, it seems the BYU softball team may be arriving at the cohesiveness the team is striving for.

"Everyone is recognizing their roll," said outfielder Oli Keohohou. "They've defined what they can do for the team, and it's helped as a team."

With the Cougars realizing their rolls, several team leaders have emerged.

One is shortstop Becca Erickson, who was named to last week's All-Tournament team.

The Aggies must also contend with Keohohou, a consistent team leader.

Keohohou holds the team's high for batting average (.451), hits (34), home runs (13), RBI (37), runs scored (34), walks (22) and slugging percentage (1.037).

Leading the team with five stolen bases is outfielder Lindsey Hodgen-Kelly.

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A BYU softball player beats the throw to first base in a game last year. BYU will be playing its first official home game at UVSC today at UVSC on Wednesday.

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> — Oli Keokohou, BYU outfielder

First base Elizabeth Pierce-Boydston leads the team in at-bats (92) and doubles (7), and four Cougars hold the record for triples.

Utah State's record is not as impressive.

The Aggies bring a 4-16 record, partially due to a powerful string of schools the team faced. Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Washington all shutdown the Utah State lineup.

"This will be a good match up for us," BYU coach Mary Kay Amicone said. "Their record doesn't show how good they can be. They have played a tough schedule this season."

Last week marked the end of an 11-game-losing streak for the Aggies.

Evidence of the strength the Aggies have yet to unleash is evident in the Mar. 17 upset of No. 7 Fresno State, 4-1.

Cougars set for No. 5 Utah

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Records are made to be broken. The BYU gymnastics team has set records in five team events this season, with three of the high marks coming in last weekend's meet against Utah State.

BYU's solid performance has vaulted them to their highest national ranking all season, No. 12, which is up six spots from the week before.

The trend couldn't have come at a better time for the Cougars as they look forward to Friday's match against No. 5 Utah.

"This is the way you want to go up to the University of Utah," said head coach Brad Cattermole. "That's going to be a great meet up there."

After a disappointing outing against Utah State, Southern Utah University and Stanford on March 9th and 10th, which Cattermole described as "the Twilight Zone," the Cougars needed the confidence boost provided by last Friday's record breaking meet.

"It helps set us up for this week," said assistant coach Shauna Mertz. "We're capable of it, so believe in yourself."

Junior Kelly Parkinson said breaking the 197-point barrier energized the whole team.

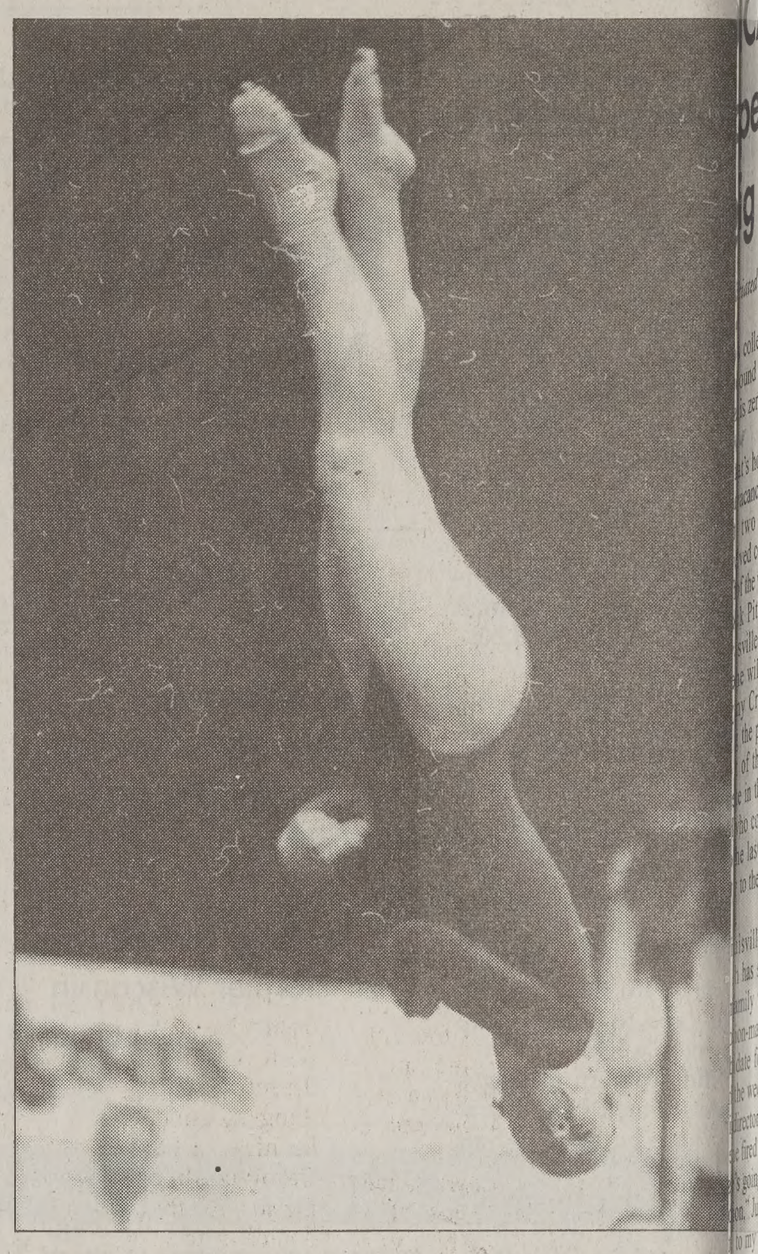
"That was awesome. When I first came here, I never thought we could do it, never," she said.

Cattermole said the high marks were possible because of the team's focus and determination.

"To score high scores like that, everything's got to come together," he said. "You got to have the judges that are willing to score, you got to have the kids performing, and the crowd backing it."

Cattermole said he knows the team is capable of scoring similar high marks against Utah and in the post-season.

"Hopefully it springboards us into the post-season. This is when it's fun," he said.



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A gymnast twists during a tumbling run in her floor exer... Friday in BYU's victory over Utah State. The Cougars take... University of Utah on Friday.

The individual match-up is going to be tight this weekend, as Utah's No. 4 Deidra Graham goes up against BYU's No. 5 Kelly Parkinson in the all-around competition.

Graham hyper-extended her knee during the Ute's match against Florida last weekend which may keep her on ... lines this weekend.

BYU can't count their ... yet as Utah's Theresa Ku... and Shannon Bowles, ran... 1 and No. 2 respectively... beam, pick up the slack ... pelled the Utes to a w... Florida.

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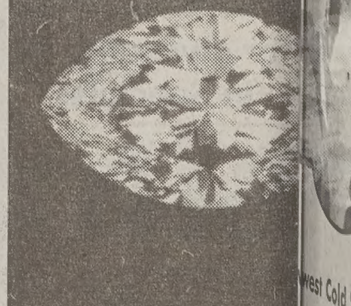

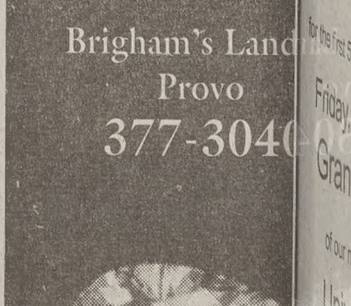

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college basketball focuses in on nd of 16, the coaching profes- zeroing in on another number:

's how many Division I coach- ncies there are as of Tuesday, wo of the biggest names ted could be in new jobs by the the week.

Pitino has said he will tell ville by Thursday whether or will succeed Hall of Famer Crum, a move that would the program back to the fore- of the sport and start a wild in the state of Kentucky. Piti- o coached the Boston Celtics last 31/2 seasons, led Ken- to the national championship in

isville athletic director Tom has said Pitino, who has said inily will be a big part of the n-making process, is the only ate for that job. Pitino spoke e weekend with Michigan ath- rector Bill Martin about replac- fired Brian Ellerbe.

g going to have to come to that n," Jurich said last week. "I've o my decision. I like him very I want to do everything I can, y for him, but for his family."

Knight could be back to wear- sweaters again by late Friday, s the end of the 10-day period fech has to wait to replace the mes Dickey.

t, fired by Indiana in Septem- r 29 years, spent most of the d on the Lubbock, Texas cam- d except for some petition by less than 10 percent of the mber faculty, things seemed to ng into place for him to take

The Big Ten had one of its two interim situations settled Monday when Wisconsin fired Brad Soderberg. He moved into the head job when Dick Bennett suddenly retired early in the season.

Less than a week after the Badgers were beaten by Georgia State in the first round of the NCAA tournament, athletic director Pat Richter fired Soderberg and said he hopes to attract a coach with a "national reputation." Richter acknowledged that Utah's Rick Majerus, a Wisconsin native, would be a prime candidate if interested.

"If he's able to get Majerus in here, then he's making the right decision," Soderberg said.

Mike Davis, who succeeded Knight at Indiana, is waiting to hear about his future after the Hoosiers lost to Kent State in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

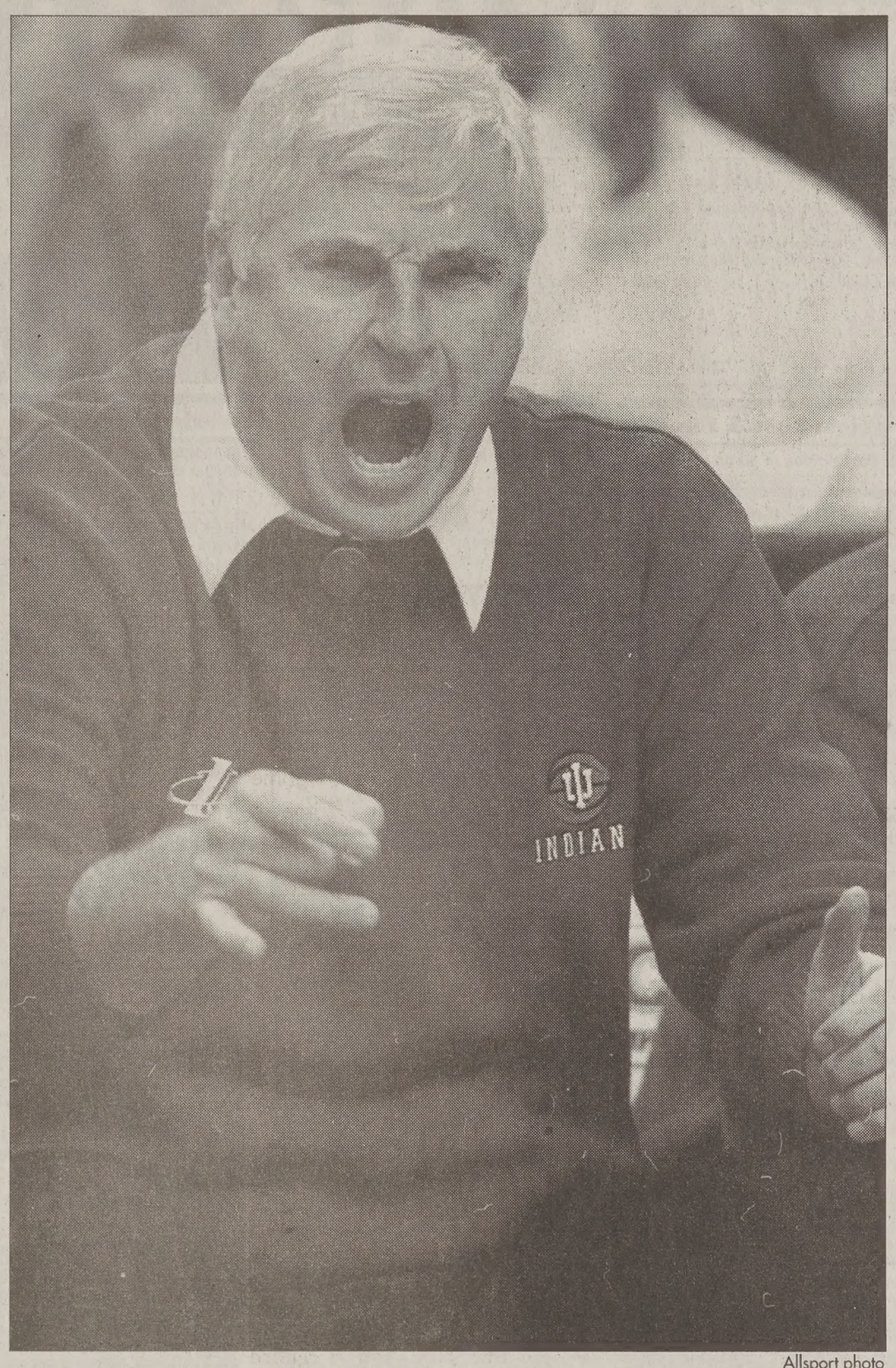
A seven-member committee appointed by Indiana president Myles Brand met for the first time Monday without making a decision.

"Our group will gather once again, we don't know when," said university vice president Terry Clapacs, a committee member. "We are not at the end of our deliberations."

One of the bigger jobs open which hasn't had a lot of names connected with it is South Carolina. Athletic director Mike McGee has to hope things go smoother than the last time he hired a basketball coach. South Carolina alum Bobby Cremins took the job for three days in 1993 before deciding to return to Georgia Tech. Eddie Fogler moved within the Southeastern Conference from Vanderbilt to take the job, but he resigned last week after taking the Gamecocks to the NCAA tournament just twice.

One conference could hold its own job fair as the Atlantic 10 has four openings: Duquesne, La Salle, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

At UMass, St. Bonaventure coach Jim Baron interviewed for the job left vacant after Bruiser Flint was forced to resign. North Carolina-Greensboro coach Fran McCaffery was also expected to interview for the job.



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Ex-Indiana coach Bob Knight — pictured in this 1988 game — could be formally offered the job at Texas Tech if school administrators give their approval this week.

Knight fate could be set at Texas Tech

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight could soon be Texas Tech's new basketball coach, though he still faces a few more hurdles this week.

If university president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers recommend his hiring and chancellor John Montford approves, Knight could be offered the job, a university spokeswoman said.

The job must remain open for 10 business days, or until 5 p.m. Friday. The position became available when James Dickey was fired March 9, four days after Schmidly and Myers met with Knight in Florida about the job.

Schmidly also plans to meet today with the Faculty Senate in response to concerns about Knight, spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said. Dozens of professors are petitioning against the fired Indiana coach with an infamous temper.

Rugeley said Schmidly won't make a hiring decision until the Faculty Senate meeting.

Nearly 90 faculty members of the more than 900 at the school have endorsed an e-mail petition opposing Knight, citing several highly publicized outbursts during his 29 years with the Hoosiers. He is the only candidate interviewed so far to replace Dickey.

Tech philosophy professor Walter Schaller hand-delivered the petition to Schmidly's office Wednesday and requested a meeting between Knight and Tech faculty.

Although Schmidly denied the meeting with Knight, he has said he would consider the faculty's concerns in deciding whether to recommend Knight to Montford.

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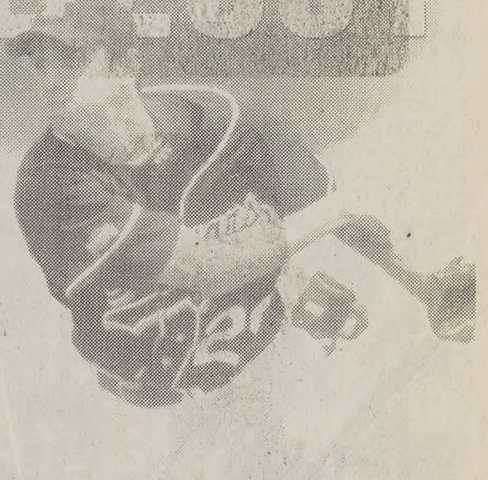

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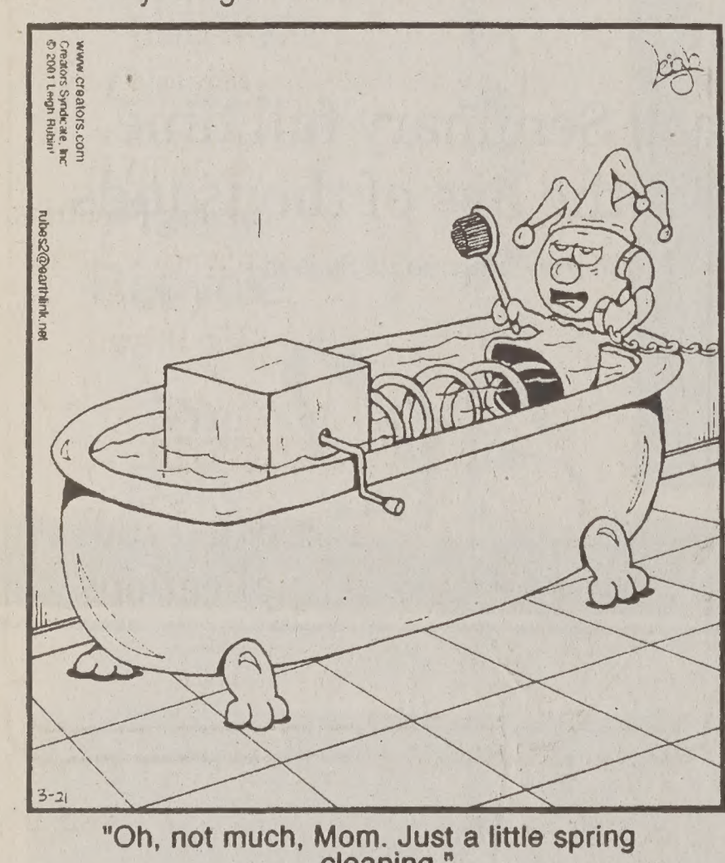

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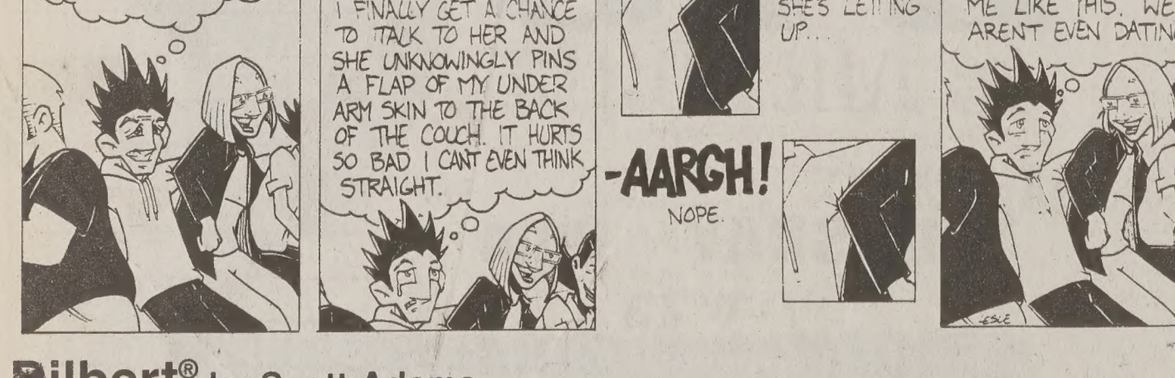
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Bush meets Sharon; will not force peace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush waded gingerly into Middle Eastern politics Tuesday, promising Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that the United States stands ready to help ease tensions in the region but "will not try to force peace."

On his first trip to Washington as prime minister, Sharon seized on the remarks as a sign that Bush understands his hard-line stance against Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The U.S. president also wants Sharon to ease Israel's economic squeeze on Palestinians and offered no hope of increasing U.S. aid to Israel, administration officials said.

Working against the backdrop of violence in the Middle East, Bush walked a fine line as he tried to show support for Israel, a longtime U.S. ally, without angering Palestinians and their oil-rich Arabian allies.

"I assured the prime minister my administration will work hard to lay the foundation of peace and will join with nations in the Middle East to give peace a chance," the president told reporters. "Secondly, I told him that our nation will not try to force peace, that we'll facilitate peace and that we will work with those responsible for peace."

Sharon said he was assured by Bush that the United States supports Israel's belief that peace negotiations can't be re-opened until violence ebbs in the region.

"We are partners in the struggle" against terrorism, Sharon said, conforming with his claim that Palestinian terrorists are at the root of the Middle East clashes. "Once we reach security ... I believe that we'll start our negotiations to reach a peace agreement."

Aides to both men said afterward that Bush, speaking about the prospect of peace, told Sharon at one point: "We will not impose this, but we're willing to facilitate it."

At least eight Palestinians and three Israelis were wounded Monday night and Tuesday as sporadic violence persisted in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

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> — Pres. George Bush

Bush and Sharon seemed relaxed and comfortable with each other, joking about Bush's 1998 trip to Israel and their long-shot election victories.

Anxious Palestinian officials urged Bush to dismiss Sharon's charm and pressure Israel to relaunch peace negotiations.

"I'm worried about this emerging love-fest, as though the United States is suffering collective amnesia about Sharon's previous crimes," said Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian spokeswoman, referring to Sharon's past as defense minister. Some Arabs have branded him a war criminal and say he is responsible for the massacre of hundreds of unarmed civilians on the West Bank and in Lebanon.

Sharon, elected by a landslide after promising to bolster Israeli security and drop concessions offered by his peace-seeking predecessor, Ehud Barak, is remembered in Washington as a hawkish former housing minister who was called an "obstacle to peace" by senior advisers to Bush's father, the 41st president.

The Sharon meeting marked Bush's most visible work in the explosive region, though it did nothing to end the perception that he is taking a more cautious approach than his predecessor. President Clinton's strategy of engagement won praise but did not secure peace in the Middle East.

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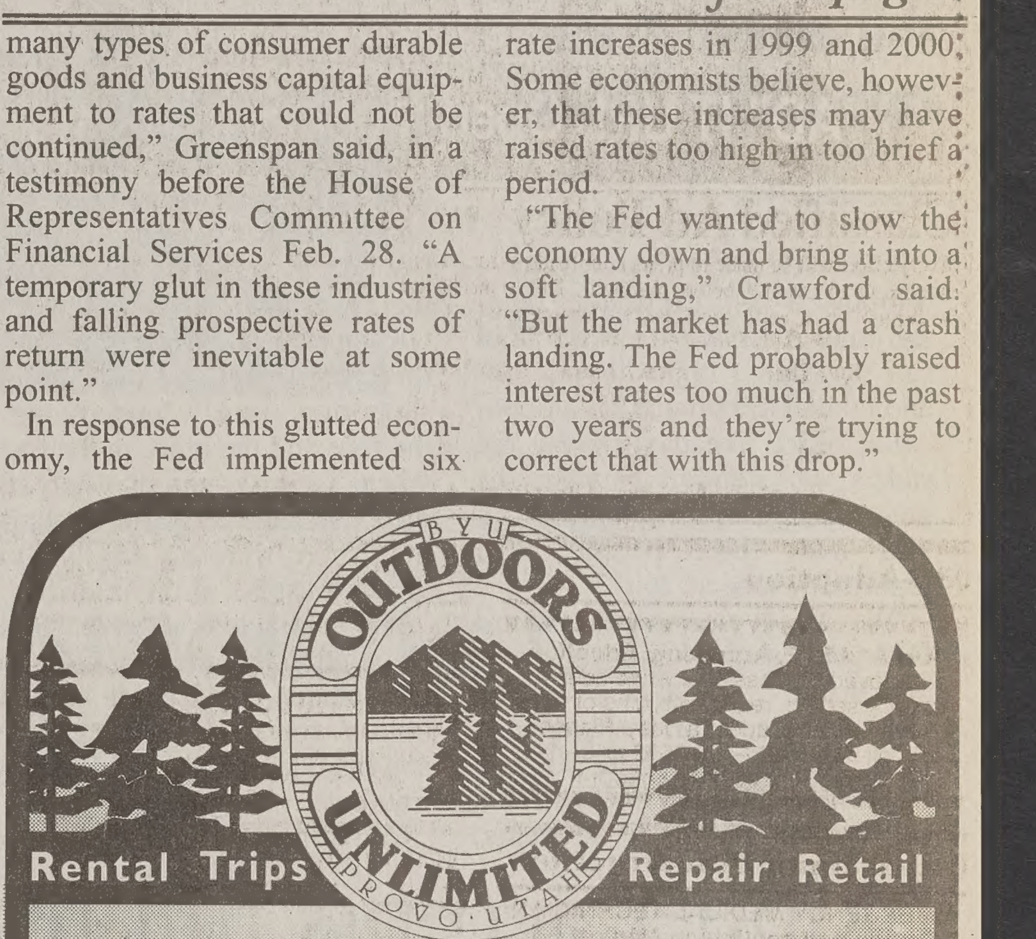
many types of consumer durable goods and business capital equipment to rates that could not be continued," Greenspan said, in a testimony before the House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services Feb. 28. "A temporary glut in these industries and falling prospective rates of return were inevitable at some point."

In response to this glutted economy, the Fed implemented six rate increases in 1999 and 2000. Some economists believe, however, that these increases may have raised rates too high in too brief a period.

"The Fed wanted to slow the economy down and bring it into a soft landing," Crawford said. "But the market has had a crash landing. The Fed probably raised interest rates too much in the past two years and they're trying to correct that with this drop."



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SLC mayor offers to start talks with Salt Lake police

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Mayor Rocky Anderson is seeking mediated contract talks with the city's police union, talks that will not include the union's president, who Anderson said threatened to strike during the Olympics.

"Under no circumstances will the city deal with David Greer," Anderson wrote.

Greer is president of the Salt Lake Police Association, and during a reportedly stormy meeting last week, Anderson says Greer threatened a police strike during the Olympics before walking out of the room.

As a result, the city has declared an impasse in the negotiations.

If police union members agree to mediation without Greer, Anderson's offer says the two sides will have until April 20 to reach an agreement.

If union members reject the mediation offer, or if no agreement is reached before the deadline, Anderson said he will submit a compensation proposal to the City Council May 1.

The council would then have the final say on police pay.

According to Anderson, last week's meeting blew up when Greer tried to shift the discussion away from a city take-home car policy to the contract itself. The mayor said he didn't want to discuss the contract outside an official negotiation meeting, and Greer responded with the strike threat.

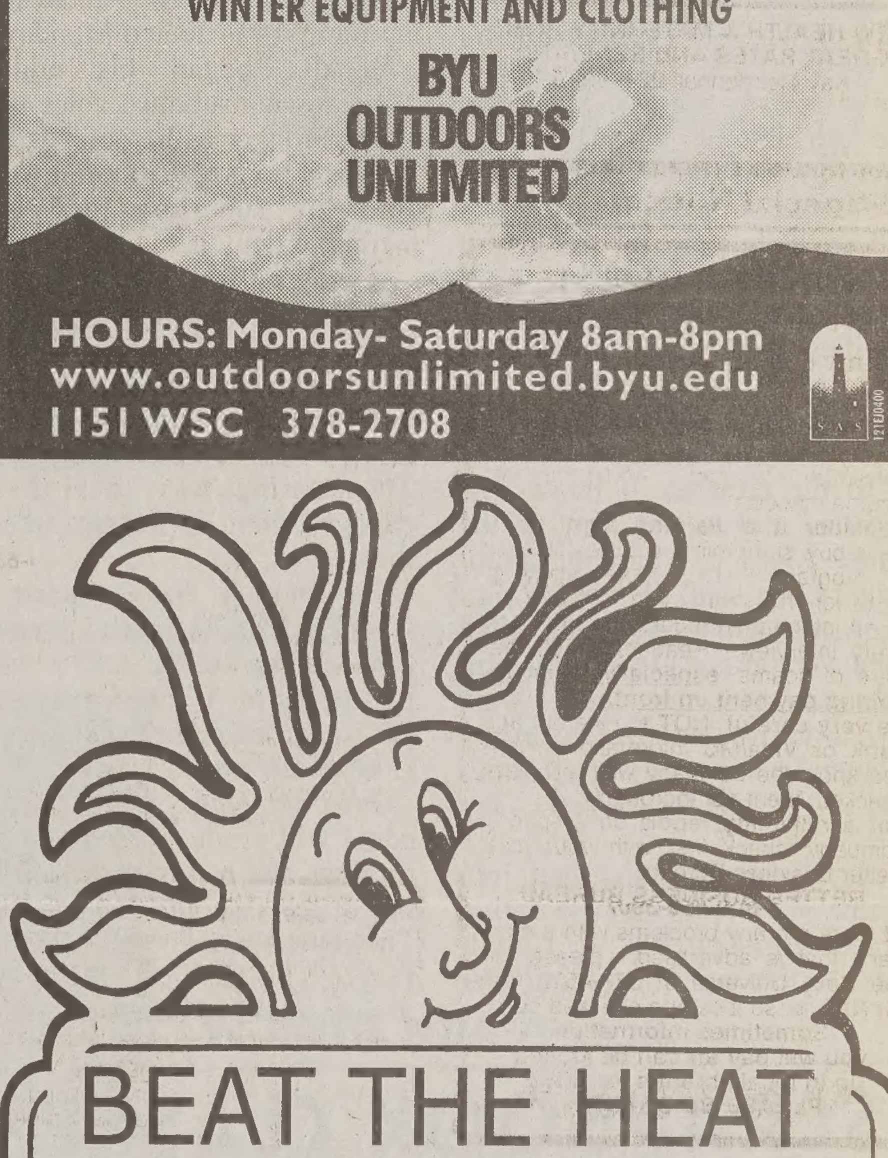
Greer did not return a message delivered to his pager. A message left with at Salt Lake Police Association headquarters was not immediately returned.

> "Under no circumstances will the city deal with David Greer."
>
> — Mayor Rocky Anderson

The city and the police union have been negotiating a new contract since January. On March 6, the two sides still differed considerably on pay raises, according to the mayor's office.

The police association wants an 6 percent pay increase and 2.1 percent pension boost over the next two years, while the city has offered an annual raise of 2.5 percent.

Average base salary for an entry-level police officer in Salt lake City is $30,804, according to city figures. Base salary averages $44,745 for an officer with 10 years of service.



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NEA to discuss gay students' rights

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The national union that represents about 80 percent of Utah's teachers is considering a resolution to support the needs of gay and lesbian students.

If approved, the National Education Association measure would stand in contrast to state-mandated sex-education laws in Utah — where teachers are required to teach abstinence

"We teach abstinence only. We don't even say the word 'gay' or 'lesbian' in this state in any context," in the classroom, said Phyllis Sorensen, president of the NEA's Utah chapter, the Utah Education Association.

In Utah, the issue of gay-straight alliance clubs in high schools was the subject of a special legislative session and a federal court lawsuit filed against the Salt Lake City School District. The state Legislature for two years has wrangled over restricting the sex education curriculum. And gay Utah students have publicly complained of bullying and discrimination at school.

"We want our kids to be safe, and they are not safe in the schools that allow bullying and harassment. Whether we want to think we have gay, lesbian and transgender teachers and students, they are there. We have absolutely got to deal with this issue," Sorensen said.

The resolution will be debated at the NEA's July Representative Assembly that will include 10,000 delegates from throughout the nation. The Utah Education Association will send 120 elected delegates to the annual meeting.

Though the resolution is designed to send a message, it probably won't have any bearing on Utah schools, where the curriculum is set by the state.

The proposed resolution suggests developing programs that "promote a safe and inclusive environment" for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and their families.

Crossword

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1 Short haircut
4 Check out, so to speak
8 Deaden
14 Bush spokesman Fleischer
15 Stationery quantity
16 Grim one?
17 Treat for a pup
19 Pooh pal
20 "That's ___ ask!"
21 Thin toast
23 Something to pick
24 Singer Sumac
26 Nevada senator Harry
27 The Internet's ___ Drudge
28 Baseball's first Hall-of-Famer
31 Introduction to economics?
33 Suffix with president
34 New England state sch.
36 Floppy disk?
40 Makes aware
42 1993 Earp portrayer
43 Groups within groups
44 Letters on many black churches
45 "Shoot!"
46 Simple chord
48 Prepares for a crash
50 Actress Russo
53 Deliberate affront
55 Theater admonition
56 "Xanadu" rock band
57 Painter Matisse
59 No room to swing ___
62 Tout's tidbit
65 W.W. II missile
67 Summary
68 Stick ___ in the water
69 Soccer standout Hamm
70 Smear
71 Foxx of "Sanford and Son"
72 Cold comment?

DOWN

1 Cake with a kick
2 Pitcher Hershiser
3 Copper's bopper
4 Trombonist Kid ___
5 Idea's beginning
6 "Headliners & Legends" host
7 Hammer and sickle, e.g.
8 Tidbit for a bird feeder
9 Superwide
10 Nonpro?
11 "Once ___ Honeymoon" (1942 film)
12 Reason for a raise
13 Quarterback Favre
18 Long ride?
22 1967 seceder
25 Addict, e.g.
27 Shaded growth
28 Rapid blinks, maybe
29 Manchurian border river
30 Where to have a banger
32 Staircase parts
35 Cuckoo
37 Scavenge, in a way
38 Otherwise
39 Fraternal group
41 Family of patrons of the arts
47 "The Sport of the Gods" author
49 Fictional whaler
50 Get-well center
51 Bond on the run
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63 Chorus syllable
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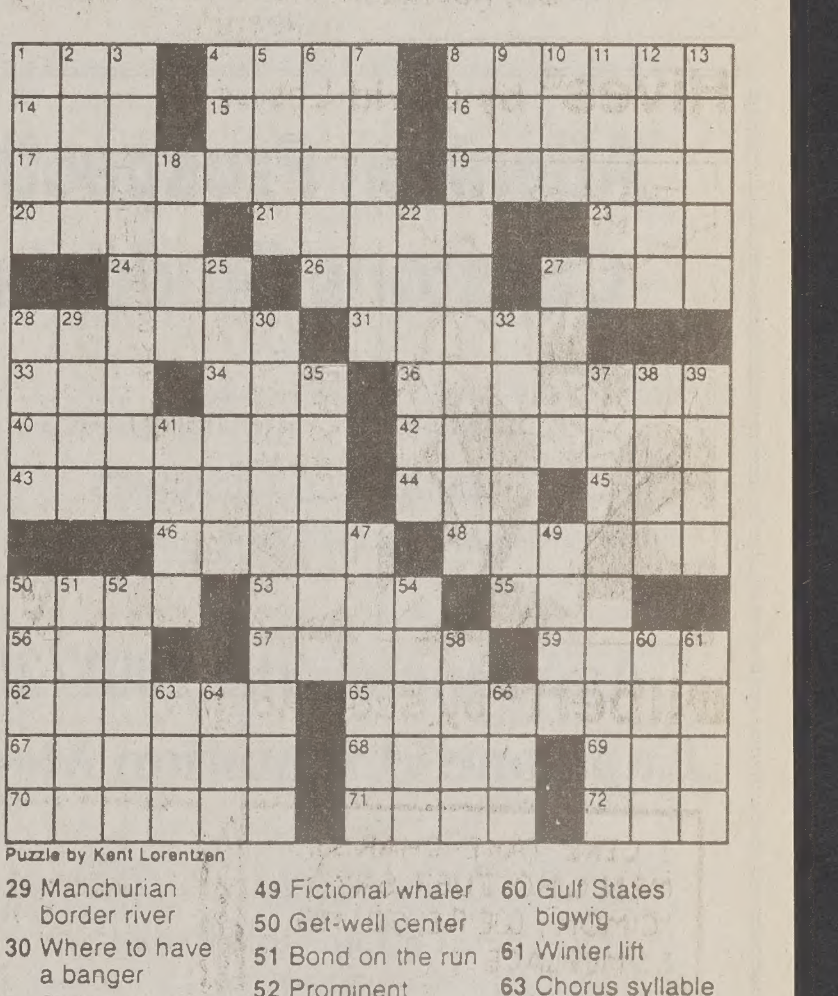

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Haitian school target in political standoff

Attackers demand the arrest of the opposition leader

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide shot at a school run by Haiti's opposition leader and lobbed fire bombs at an opposition office Tuesday, raising the stakes in a standoff between the government and its opponents.

At least three people were reported wounded.

"We are wide open," Gerard Gourgue, leader of the 15-party opposition alliance called Convergence, said by telephone from the school, where he had barricaded himself in with his family and about 50 students. "We have no police protection," he said pleading for security.

After more than an hour, police arrived and fired tear gas, forcing the mob of Aristide supporters to disperse.

Earlier, about 200 of the president's followers opened fire on an opposition party office and threw fire bombs at the building, sparking a small fire.

An opposition leader was shot in the chest there, and two Aristide supporters were wounded, one in the foot and the other in the hand, when security guards shot at a mob that tried to storm the building. There were no details about the seriousness of the injuries.

The attackers have been demanding the arrest of Gourgue, who claims the Aristide administration won last year's legislative and presidential elections through fraud.

Convergence named Gourgue president of an "alternative government."

"We're going to keep on doing this, until the government arrests Gerard Gourgue," said Eugene Bedeshein, 25, at a flaming tire barricade he helped build in downtown Port-au-Prince.

Meanwhile, two of Aristide's Cabinet ministers threatened to arrest Gourgue for "usurping the title of president," which they said was a violation of the law.

Asked if the government was sponsoring the attacks, spokesman Mario Dupry said, "We are waiting for the police report to be made before making statements, but we condemn violence in whatever shape or form."

Gourgue, a lawyer and human rights activist, was favored to win 1987 elections that the army halted in a bloodbath.

Aristide won Haiti's first democratic elections in 1989. He was ousted months later by the military and returned in 1994 by a U.S. invasion. He stepped down reluctantly in 1996 because the constitution bars consecutive terms of office.

Last year, Aristide's party won an 80 percent majority in the parliament. The Organization of American States said 10 Senate seats won by Aristide's party should have gone to a second round, and millions in international aid have been put on hold over the results.

Aristide was the only viable presidential candidate in November elections boycotted by the opposition.

"The government is rushing headlong toward the worst possible solution — political repression," said Jean-Claude Bajeux, a human rights activist who once served as culture minister under Aristide.

Skipper accepts full responsibility for collision

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The skipper of the USS Greeneville reluctantly took the stand in a Navy court Tuesday and accepted sole responsibility for the collision with a Japanese trawler that left nine dead.

Cmdr. Scott Waddle testified as the court of inquiry neared the end of its probe of the Feb. 9 submarine accident.

"I accept full responsibility and accountability for the actions of the crew of the USS Greeneville," Waddle said. "As commanding officer, I am solely responsible for this truly tragic accident, and for the rest of my life I will live with the horrible consequences of my decisions and actions that resulted in the loss of the Ehime Maru.

"I am truly sorry for the loss of life and the incalculable grief those losses caused the honorable families of those lost at sea," he said.

Lt. j.g. Michael Coen issued his own apology Monday.

"To the families of those who perished and to the crew of the Ehime Maru ... I humbly apologize," Coen said, his voice brimming with emotion. "Although I cannot comprehend the unimaginable grief you must feel, I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at all times and you will be for the rest of my life."

The Greeneville smashed into Ehime Maru while demonstrating a rapid-surfacing drill for 16 civilians. Nine people, including four teen-age boys, were killed.

Coen, 26, read his unsworn statement to three admirals presiding over the Navy's court of inquiry. Attorneys for another officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, submitted a written statement that was not released to the public.

Closing arguments in the inquiry were expected to begin Tuesday. Waddle, Pfeifer and Coen could face courts-martial.

Waddle's civilian attorney had said previously that Waddle would testify only if prosecutors agreed not to use his testimony against him. Waddle's request for immunity was denied Monday.

Waddle began his address Tuesday in a subdued voice but it grew stronger as he defended his decision to seek immunity and told his superiors they were wrong to deny it.

"I may be forfeiting my ability to successfully defend myself at a court martial," he said. "This court and the families need to hear from me," he said, turning to look at the courtroom audience. The hearing was silent as he engaged them in a long, intense look.

The inquiry has focused on whether Waddle rushed preparations for surfacing, and whether he performed an inadequate periscope search before taking the Greeneville up.

Once the inquiry concludes, the panel will produce a report of its findings and recommend whether the officers should be punished. The report goes to Adm. Thomas Fargo, who has up to 30 days to review it and take final action.

Earlier Monday, a crewman who tracks surface ships admitted he violated orders requiring him to report ships nearby. He also said he failed to notice another vessel was dangerously close to the submarine just six minutes before the collision.

Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Seacrest told the court he never noticed the ship's close range because he was analyzing another sonar contact. That contradicted earlier testimony by a Navy investigator, who said he thought Seacrest was aware of the close contact but didn't report it because civilians blocked his access to officers.

Seacrest, who was granted immunity for his testimony, laid out a series of assumptions and errors that contributed to the collision.

As fire-control technician, Seacrest's job was to take sonar data and analyze it to establish the location and distance of other vessels. He was supposed to manually plot that data on a graphic display inside the sub's control room.

Seacrest admitted that he stopped plotting the data without informing officers.

As Coen and Waddle prepared to go to periscope depth before the surfacing drill, Seacrest was analyzing three surface contacts, labeled Sierra 12, 13 and 14. He said he was focused on Sierra 14, and didn't notice that the range of Sierra 13 had plunged from 15,000 yards to 4,000 yards.

Sierra 13 was the Ehime Maru.

Seacrest said he didn't have time to examine all the contacts because the submarine went to periscope depth for only 80 seconds before it went deep and began to surface. He admitted, however, that tracking three contacts is not difficult and that he should have noticed the new range and reported it to officers.

He added that Waddle reported he had a "good feel for the contact picture" before going to periscope depth, leading Seacrest to believe the skipper had enough information to perform a proper search.

"In the cold light of day," asked Rear Adm. Paul Sullivan, "how do you feel you did?"

"Poorly," Seacrest said.

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World's largest floatin oil rig sinks in Atlanti

Risks minimal for environment, say scientists, CEO

> "Jacques Cousteau taught us that oil spills are like smoking – the problem is the cumulative effect over time. This is one more."
> —Paulo Rosm professor of coa and oceanograp engineer

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil – The world's biggest floating oil rig sank in the South Atlantic on Tuesday, and the state oil company Petrobras said some of the 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board had apparently already started to leak.

A cleanup flotilla of 11 ships with floating barriers and oil-dispersing chemicals surrounded a slick at the spot 75 miles off the coast where the 40-story-tall rig, crippled and listing after an explosion last week, went down in heavy seas.

Scientists and the government said the environmental impact would not be great, in part because the spill was so far from the coast.

Workers who had been trying to save the rig were evacuated to another floating platform after it "shifted suddenly" before dawn, the company said.

At about 10:30 a.m., the rig tipped over and sank in about 10 minutes. Film footage showed the platform disappearing into the water until only the green heliport was visible above the waves. Oil workers looked on, many sobbing for comrades who died in the disaster.

Two workers were killed in the explosion, and eight others are missing, presumed dead inside the sunken rig.

Petrobras Chief Executive Henri Philippe Reichstul said all the oil would eventually leak into the sea. He said there was already a "fine film" of diesel oil on the surface.

He said containers holding 312,000 gallons of diesel fuel would collapse under water pressure on the sea bottom at a depth of 4,455 feet. The rig also had 78,000 gallons of crude – most of it in hoses between the wells and the rig. Those hoses were attached when the rig went down and could break, he said.

As barriers were set up around the spill, a second slick was sighted. Petrobras said. It wasn't known whether the new spill was crude or diesel.

"There is a plan in place to protect the environment," Reichstul said. "We are not terribly worried about the environmental question."

Four ships carried 20 mi floating oil barriers, "enough spill 10 or 15 times this size, Irani Varela, the company's and environment director. other ships were prepared to oil off the surface and thre chemicals to break down the

Varela said, however, th barriers would have little eff high seas, where swells Tuesday were four feet high

Scientists said the enviror tal impact would likely be gible. The lighter diesel oil to evaporate in a few days, the crude oil would separat the heavier sediment would

"It would be different if it in a bay or on the coast, b open sea is relatively sterile fish can just avoid it," said Cesar Rosman, professo coastal and oceanographic neering at Rio's F University. "It probably wi face little by little, a slick he there."

The government environt protection agency also sa spill was unlikely to have a environmental impact o region.

The spill was part of a problem, Rosman said.

"Jacques Cousteau taug that oil spills are like smok the problem is the cumu effect over time," he said. " one more."

Navy divers, engineers an eign consultants had been ing around the clock for using nitrogen and compres to expel water from floodec partments. But high wind rough seas hindered rescue Monday, and the gigant again began to sink slowly coast of Macae, 120 miles east of Rio.

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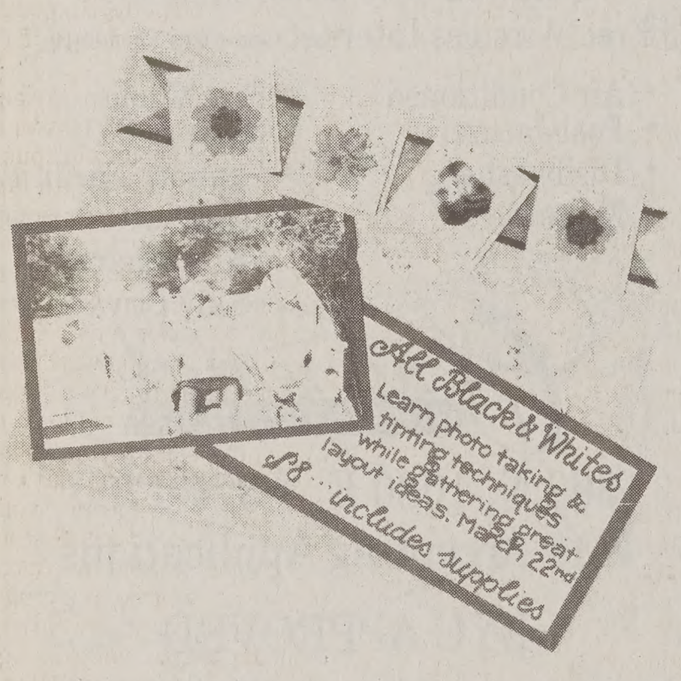
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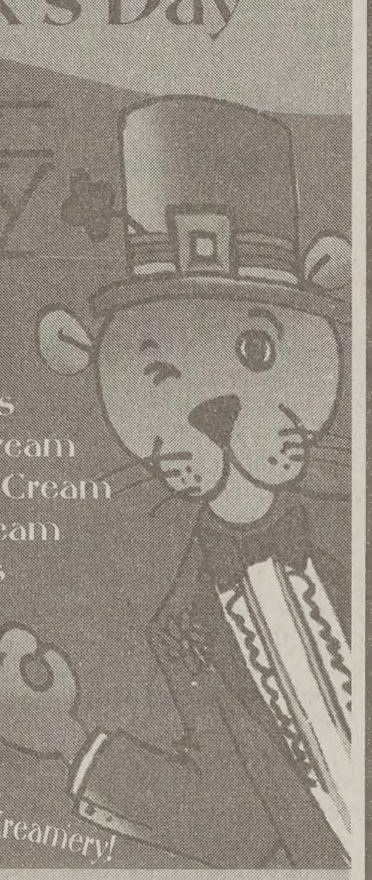

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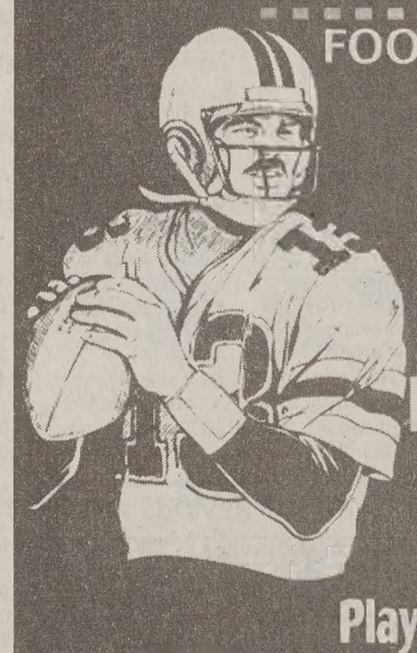

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